

# Newington History – MINUTES

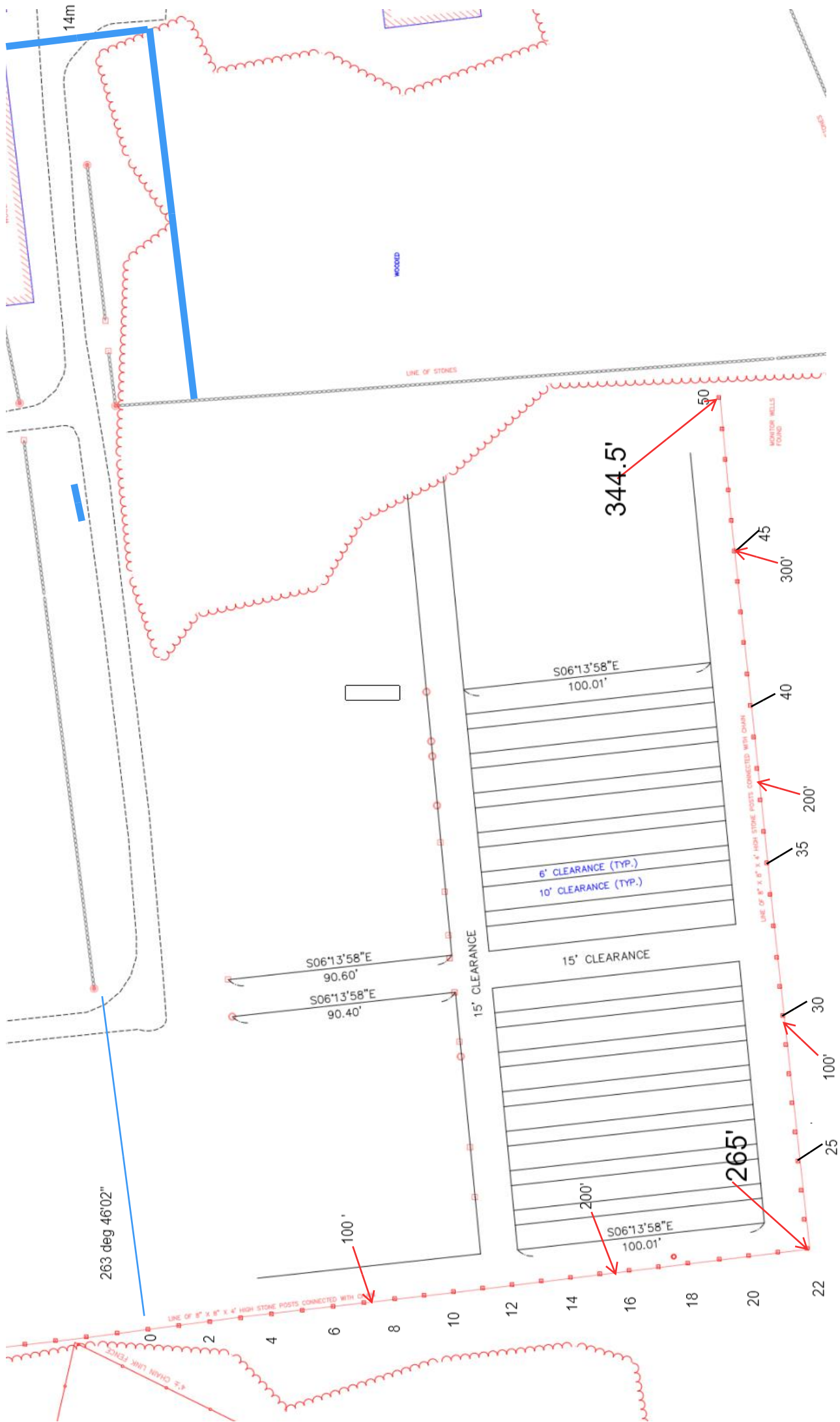
February 22, 2020, 10:30 a.m. – 12:06 p.m.

Old Town Hall

Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Jo Haskell Alternate (2023)</li><li>✓ John Lamson Member (2021)</li><li>✓ Peggy Lamson Member (2023)</li><li>Mike Marconi Member (2020)</li><li>Katie Moody Alternate (2023)</li><li>✓ Lulu Pickering Member (2023)</li><li>✓ Kristen Poulin Alternate (2023)</li><li>✓ Becky St. Germaine Alternate (2023)</li><li>✓ Alan Wilson Member (2022)</li></ul>
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amended and approved the minutes of January 25, 2022 on a motion by John Lamson, seconded by Alan Wilson, all in favor.</li></ul>
Boundaries in the Old Town Center Historic District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discussed the boundaries of the unmarked burial area and the library that were hashed out at the February 9th meeting with Selectman Ted Connors and members of the cemetery, library, and historic district commission boards.</li><li>The HDC approved the <u>amended</u> minutes (see items below) on a motion by John Lamson, seconded by Peggy Lamson, all in favor.</li></ul>
Southern division of cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The land inside the existing fences is larger than the 350 feet long and 200 feet wide parcel that the town approved by warrant article in 1964.</li><li><u>Alan Wilson measured the existing dimension as 265 feet wide, not 200 ft. (map attached).</u></li><li>The whole area inside the fences should be approved by town warrant article as the existing boundaries of the southern division.</li></ul>
Unmarked burial area and library north boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Everyone seemed to acknowledge that the graves were there and should be protected.</li><li>The unmarked graves are already protected by state law and the cemetery trustees are responsible for the care and protection of all abandoned cemeteries/graves in town.</li><li>The northern boundary of the library will be <u>85 feet</u>, not 100 feet, from the side of the old building to protect the unmarked burial area and to create a memorial garden.</li><li><u>Alan Wilson made a sketch of the memorial garden boundaries (attached). The Cemetery trustees will need to decide whether to include, or exclude, the alley between the horse sheds and meeting house as part of the cemetery along with the land inside the purple lines on the sketch.</u></li><li>This burial area will be appended to the town cemetery to provide maximum protection.</li></ul>
Library west boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Will be to the existing stone wall by the abutting southern cemetery division, which is approximately 150 feet.</li></ul>

Library east boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nimble Hill Road right of way is about 77 feet from the east side of the old library.</li> <li>• If the library boundary is set all the way to the road, about 100 feet from the old library building, the library trustees will be the deciding entity for anything that happens in the ROW, to the exclusion of the selectmen.</li> <li>• The selectmen have to decide what they want to do.</li> </ul>
Library south boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three different boundaries keep coming up.</li> <li>• The library trustees want a maximum boundary of 100 feet from the southern-most extension of the new building. The HDC concurs <u>as long as a right-of-way easement across the library lot exists for vehicles to enter and exit the cemetery (see below).</u></li> <li>• The library trustees do not want the care of the veterans' memorial area, so will come back with dimensions that cut this southeastern corner out of their boundaries.</li> <li>• The HDC concurs <u>but there needs to be a 10-foot buffer around all parts of the cannons on the north and west sides.</u></li> </ul>
Road to exit southern cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The library trustees envision that the hearse and other vehicles exiting the cemetery will drive through the parking lots and out to the road.</li> <li>• The HDC agrees <u>as long as a right-of-way easement across the library lot exists for vehicles to enter and exit the cemetery.</u></li> </ul>
Selectmen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No warrant articles will be proposed this year.</li> <li>• The selectmen will provide the \$5,000 in funding to begin the memorial garden.</li> <li>• Ted Connors does not think a further archeological study is necessary.</li> <li>• IAC was planning to begin the study in early spring and will need to be contacted.</li> <li>• <u>The HDC will proceed with the archeological dig once the parties agree to the boundaries of the memorial garden/unmarked burials, which is expected within the month.</u></li> <li>• <u>The \$3,000 will come from the special projects line item of the HDC budget.</u></li> <li>• <u>The results of the study will add to our knowledge about the presence, or not, of fallen and buried gravestones inside the cemetery, as well as further develop the story about the unmarked burials.</u></li> </ul>
Bloody Point Historic District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed a response to the January 27, 2021 letter from NH DOT concerning the General Sullivan Bridge and rehabilitation of the Old Railroad Depot and the surrounding land.</li> <li>• Lulu to draft a response and coordinate with the selectmen.</li> </ul>
Eversource SRP mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The booklet on the history of agriculture in Newington is ready.</li> <li>• As part of the DHR MOU, a public presentation associated with the booklet was required.</li> <li>• NH DHR asked the NH Preservation Alliance to host the presentation, which will focus more on the overall Section 106 process rather than just the history of agriculture in Newington.</li> <li>• Below is the registration link for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 12-1pm. <a href="https://nhpreservation.org/events-calendar/section-106-in-action">https://nhpreservation.org/events-calendar/section-106-in-action</a></li> </ul>

# Southern Cemetery Division Dimensions





Purple line boundaries - Alan Wilson, cemetery committee

