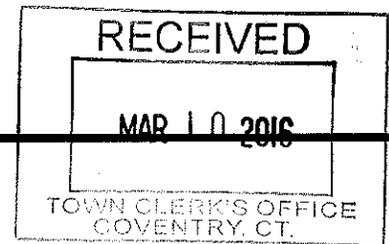


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Coventry Cemetery Commission
March 9, 2016

Present: Tom Boudreau, Linda Pagliuco, Claudine Vieten, Mike Merriam, Beth Bauer, Mark Kiefer, Susan Palmer

Absent: Patti Naegeli

1. Call to order and roll call

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by chairman.

2. Audience of citizens

None present.

3. Review of Financials

Beth B. reports no changes to budget since December. Proposed budget for next year is essentially even with the current one. Salary line has increased but fuel costs are down. The town manager's budget meeting is tomorrow night. Tom is planning to attend to represent commission budget.

4. Nathan Hale Cemetery (NHC) Circumstances

Mark K.:

- a. Newly completed front wall has wintered well.
- b. Eversource indicates that as soon as phone and cable companies have removed their wires, the cable will be removed from our tree.
- c. Contemplation Area pathway - expect to begin and complete in June

5. Caretakers Report

Mike M.:

- a. Only two burials over the winter, both at NHC.
- b. Flag holders - recommend acquiring bimetal ones, which cost \$11-13 depending on order amount. Discussion- we will pursue cost sharing with local veterans groups. Decided to supply one cemetery each year, beginning with New Cemetery.
- c. A plot owner has inquired about selling 3 of her plots back to the commission. Mike will look at them and report back about their layout and original purchase price.

6. New Business

- a. Review of computer project - Claudine has spoken to Scott, who reports having difficulty recruiting new students to continue work. He intends to see the project through himself if necessary.

- b. Cemetery beautification - due to the excessive amount of work required by planting flowers, Claudine suggests using only white pea stone and belgian blocks around signs and the Hale monument. The Hale contemplation area has 2 shrubs that have survived, and adding a metal birdbath would add to its appearance. Beth will look into ordering one.
- c. Columbariums - Susan sent information via email to members, and discussion centered around considering ways to use columbariums in the future at NC.
- d. Burial configurations at NC - Tom reviewed his proposed plot plans for integrating full and cremation burials within plots of different sizes. He will forward copies to members, and it is hoped to finalize by early June.
- e. Suggested goals for 2016 include:
 - Obtaining larger signage along the main road by NC.
 - Finalizing plans for the footstone fragments remaining at Joy property.
 - Completing computer project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Next meeting scheduled for April 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at town garage.

Recorded and submitted by
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