



4/12/16 Coventry Cemetery Commission Minutes

Call to order and roll call

Present: Tom Boudreau, Claudine Vientin, Linda Pagliuco, Patty Naegeli, Susan Palmer, Beth Bauer, Mike Merriam, Marc Kiefer. Called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman.

Audience of Citizens

None in attendance

Review of March Minutes

Reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Presentation by Pietras Funeral Home

Speaker did not attend as expected. Mike will follow up to reschedule.

Review of Financials

Zero expenditures for March as reported by Beth.

Branches at Grant Hill and South St. should be cut. Should cost about \$1000, taken from our current budget. Marc and Mike to coordinate.

Old Business

Hale Circumstance:

Guy wire - Marc reports no action has occurred.

Contemplation area pathway- recommending aggregate with stone dust packed on top. 75 x 3 ft. Marc will order material, which should cost about \$200. Material for the flooring of the area discussed; decided upon gray gravel; will be ordered by town. Claudine has chosen a bird bath of iron and aluminum, one for Hale and one for Coventry Cemetery. Marc will arrange for footings to anchor the bird baths, and stockpile materials from current supply, Marc and Beth will order them. These items are covered by current budget.

Discussed possibility of completing installation of bird baths by Memorial Day, which will be attempted.

Discussed finishing the front of the Hale wall on the right side; Marc will look into it with the company that did the work on the left side - they made an estimate last year.

Capital Improvement Project for Coventry Cemetery - in advance of the next CIP town budget

In November, Beth and Tom will decide upon language regarding the dates of use of allotted monies, which must be postponed.

Computerization - no communications with Scott in recent weeks. Discussed ways of

assisting if Scott cannot gather a student group to continue this work. Claudine to follow up with him.

Caretaker's Report

No burials this past month.

Clean up of yards to begin Monday.

New mower to be ordered this month; Marc to arrange for purchase order; \$2000 allotted.

New burial excavation prices still not determined; further discussion of avoiding conflict of interest or impropriety with our current service.

Flag holders - Tom has noticed that the flag holders by some of the graves have not been used by those who install the flags each Memorial Day. Discussion of how long these flags should remain in place; the Legion regs say the flags should be removed as soon as possible

after Memorial Day. Will table this question until next commission meeting, when a decision will be made. Also decided to start a sub-committee to reexamine our general policies and procedures: Claudine, Susan, Linda and Tom volunteered and will meet before next meeting.

New Business

A photography project was completed independently by a volunteer, Bill Cannon, at South Street, with photos of each stone and copies of the inscriptions. Linda has posted a link to them on our Facebook page. Tom suggested inviting Bill to our next meeting, regarding doing

something similar at our other cemeteries. Tom also knows another individual who might be interested in working on our computerization project, which he will look into.

Review of information about buying back unused plots. Will consider on a case by case basis.

Debbie Newton wants to put two memorial stones, with no cremains interred, on the Crickmore/Kennison plot at NH., which presently has one full burial with one stone on it. Discussion about the ramifications for whoever owns this plot, if the owner isn't Ms. Newton. Claudine suggested having Ms. Newton provide us with documentation of ownership, which Mike will pursue.

Other Matters

Will move forward with hiring Lance Kozowski as Mike's assistant.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.
Recorded and submitted by Linda Pagliuco, secretary