



Coventry Cemetery Commission Minutes 7/13/16

Call to Order and Roll Call:

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

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

Audience of Citizens

None present.

Review of June Minutes

Patty Naegeli did not attend June's meeting, but wanted to state that she is not in agreement with the Commission's decision to exclude birdhouses from town cemeteries.

Minutes reviewed and accepted.

Review of Financials

Beth: The fiscal year 2016/17 has now begun. Money set aside for tree work remains available. The trust has a balance of just under \$25,000.

Claudine contacted sign company to order new signage for Coventry Cemetery along Main St. A purchase order has been sent to them.

Hale Cemetery Circumstance

Mark has arranged for wall repair firm to come out and give an estimate for continuing work on the front wall. He has concerns about the two trees at the entrance of South St. Cemetery; Mike does not believe they are diseased.

Caretaker's Report

Mike: One cremation this month.

New flag holders have now been installed at all cemeteries and there are several extras for future use if needed.

Tom contacted Town Council about the gift of the holders; council is happy to okay the gift and receive the holders. Claudine will send thank you notes to Center Cemetery Assoc. and the Veterans Memorial Commission.

Jacob will compose a short article about the generous donation for the town newsletter, citing the pleasure of working together with other town agencies.

Mike is on vacation next week, and his duties will be covered by Lance.

Mark: Quotes on new grave digging not available for this meeting.

Old Business

Computer Project still on hold.

No new beautification work, but weeding is ongoing. Discussion about acquiring a backpack sprayer for weed control, with respect to health issues. Mark has had some contact with John Elsessor about possibly contracting out for poison ivy control.

New Business

Tom received an inquiry from Mark Buschel and Independent Stone, requesting permission to place a single monument across two double plots; Mike has sent size specifications to them. There appears to be no issue over which to refuse this request.

Other Matters That May Come Before the Commission

Mark asked Mike to check on the roping on the flagpole at NHC, which appeared to be too loose following a rain storm last week.

He also brought up a question about the possibility of using millings as opposed to stone dust on Contemplation Area walkway; he has used them in other projects. They look nice and the town still has some on hand; Commission has no objection.

Patty Naegeli plans to resign from Commission when her term expires in October, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09.

Next meeting August 10, 2016 at 6:30 PM at Public Works Conference Room.

Recorded and submitted by Linda Pagliuco, Secretary