

Somers Cemetery Committee
January 10, 2024
meeting minutes

1. Call to order: 6:30 PM
2. Members present: David Morgan, Pat Bachetti, Patricia Loftus (chair)
3. Public comment: One present, no comment
4. Vote to review and approve meeting minutes from November 8, 2023

Motion: D. Morgan, 2nd: Pat Bachetti. Vote 3/0 to approve.

5. Committee reports:

- a. Finance: See Finance Office for report.
- b. Sexton: No report, not present.
- c. Landscaping: No report, not present.
- d. DPW: No report, not present.
- e. American Legion: No report, not present.

6. Old Business:

- a. Concern forms: Review from Danielle Urbon.

1. Socha plot, Chair visited, nothing found due to concern filed after leaf fall. Shrubs will be rechecked in the spring after leaf out.

b. Irrevocable Trust: No report from finance. David Morgan has sent a copy of a trust agreement to town attorney C. Landolina for review. It will then be sent to Morgan-Stanley for additional review. The committee will then see a draft and only after approval from the committee will it then be sent to the Board of Selectmen for signing.

c. Landscape Architect: Update, David Morgan has been in contact with the original design company and they should be able to provide the service requested for section 2 below the threshold that would require a bid procedure. A written quote is expected for the March meeting.

d. Rules rewrite: See new business.

e. Digital Data program purchase: David Morgan will be setting up a day time (4) vendor presentation for the week of February 5-8.

New Business:

a. Concern form(s): 1. P.P.: An item was removed from a grave site during fall clean up. Client to be reminded that anything left on public property is subject to removal if not aligned with rules. Also, anything left on public property is also subject to being taken by someone else. No item of value should be left.

#2. RB: Miller head stone moved perhaps by equipment as it is not near a driveway. Sexton will be asked to check on it to see how the issue can be resolved. Permanent fix cannot be done in winter, spring is the next best time.

b. No DPW concerns.

c. Discussion on landscaping contract. Three year pricing presented by B. Wissinger. Motion to accept by D. Morgan. 2nd P. Bachetti. Vote 3/0 to accept and send to the Bd. of Selectmen (1.18.2024 meeting suggested).

d. Move vote to March when a written quote is expected to be in hand.

e. Move motion and vote to March meeting after the vendor presentations and discussion scheduled for the first week of February.

f. Rules packet discussion: An open list of "Can do" and "Can't do" presented by Chair for discussion starter. D. Morgan stated it is too much to not have a meeting specifically for this. He has stated he will go over the list and create a "Regulations" style document for the next meeting.

g. Executive Session – none needed,

Motion to adjourn: D. Morgan, 2nd P. Bachetti. Vote 3/0 passed

Adjournment: 8:06

Next regularly scheduled meeting: March 13, 2024 @ 6:30

Minutes: P. Loftus Chair / interim secretary