

Somers Cemetery Committee
Regular meeting minutes
Wednesday March 13, 2024
6:30 PM



1. Call to order: 6:32 PM
 2. Members present: David Morgan, David McCaffrey, Pat Bachetti, Patricia Loftus (chair)
Also present: Danielle Urbon (finance), Jeff Buckley - sexton
 3. Public comment: 1 present, no comment
 4. Vote to approve minutes of the January 2024 meeting. Motion to approve: David Morgan, 2nd
Pat Bachetti 4/0
 5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance: 1. Sales are steady. We are in the black by a little over 8k prior to the start of landscaping season. 2. No report on the status of the creation of an Irrevocable Trust. It is in the hands of the town attorney. 3. No new concern forms.
 - b. Sexton: No report.
 - c. Landscaping: Mr. Guzie not present. Dates for spring clean-up discussed in New Business.
 - d. DPW: Representative not needed. Shrub and tree clean out under new business.
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- e. American Legion: Commander F. Poirier not present, Mr. Paul Martinello in his stead.
No new information on the cost, fund raising or plan for the ground level markers. There is consideration to plan for at least 800 markers to be purchased as present graves need to be marked in four cemeteries and there are close to that number already in use. Much concern expressed about the possible cost, older quotes range from 10 –25 dollars each. Once again it was brought up by the chair that anyone could sponsor a veteran and share the cost with a friend if desired. However, this is a Legion project and decision.
- Old Business:
- a. Concern forms. Report on resolutions. Graves in the area of Socha # 575 have been looked at and there is nothing within sight that appear to be in poor condition or in need of replacement.
 - b. Landscape architect and RFP: No report from David Morgan

- c. Digital Data program: Update from David Morgan. Plan on Wednesday, April 3th 4 vendors, 45 minutes each. We will use the large meeting room so that the large screen can be used for either live or zoom presentations.

New Business:

- a. Finance: Concern forms resolutions. None.
- b. Sexton: No report.
- c. Landscaping: Committee voted to have Spring Clean-up covering April 8-12 as Easter is early this year. Both winter holiday and early spring (worn, dead and weathered) decorations will be removed at this time.
Motion to approve: D. McCaffrey. 2nd: David Morgan. Passed 4/0
- d. All items tied or hung in town trees / shrubs will be removed by Somers DPW under the supervision of the town tree warden on DPW schedule. No motion or vote needed as this is a request made to the town Tree Warden and is at his discretion.
- e. American Legion: No report.
- f. No quote available from vendor. No vote.
- g. Digital program: Presentations and reviews of vendors to be done on April 3rd.

Additional requests:

The Veteran's Affairs office through committee member D. McCaffrey requested at the end of the meeting permission to raise the sunken, veteran's government issued foot stones by using the same process as before. Sand and gravel are used to fill the hole from which the stone has been removed in order to bring it up to ground level. This is hoped to begin again in late spring 2024 and start at Center Cemetery. New West, Old West and North to follow as supplies are acquired and volunteer crews become available. Motion to approve: Pat Loftus, 2nd, David Morgan, passed 4/0.

Motion to adjourn: 7:28. David Morgan, 2nd Pat Bachetti Passed 4/0

Next regular meeting: May 8, 2024

Minutes submitted by Patricia Loftus (Interim secretary) are not final until voted upon at the next meeting.