

Somers Cemetery Committee Meeting

Wednesday January 9, 2013

Town Hall - 2PM

1. Call to order 2:05 PM
2. Attending: Carole Pyne, George Warner, Ed Sullivan, Patricia Loftus, guest David McCaffery
3. Assigning of temporary secretary: Patricia Loftus
4. Approval of October 10, 2012 minutes – passed as filed.
5. Finance Office: Collection of complaints, discussed, specifics on file with C. Pyne. Most concerns were due to people not being familiar with the posted regulations as available at Town Hall.
6. Complaints to Chairperson – same as #5
7. Cemetery Treasurer's Report: Ed Sullivan presented his multiple page year to date report showing investments and expenses. A question arose as to whether or not a \$50,000 payment to the town as part of the yearly transfer of monies had in fact occurred during the fall quarter. Mr. Sullivan will research and report to the committee in April. Motion to accept: G. Warner, 2nd C. Pyne. Voted to accept as filed.
8. Old Business: A: Girl Scout project is for New West site only and being done by only one or two scouts. Project is to include use of Ancestry.com for verification of veteran status for grave markers. Scouts will do their own fund raising for expenses.
B. Clean up commenced in November and will resume as the weather permits. Shrubs will be trimmed to the ground and

- roots removed as the landscapers suggest in order to maintain safety and security of the gravesites. On-going project.
- C. Letter read from USDA Ken DiVito who put insect traps for Asian Long Horned Beetle in West. None found in West Cemetery.
9. A. Letter of resignation from Thomas Brewer read and accepted.
B. Clarification of wording on allowing Sunday funerals.
Discussion held on what other area towns use for policies. Most towns do not allow due to cost. We have allowed under hardship but it now requires an emergency meeting. Possible changes to present policy to be discussed further at April meeting.
C. Spring cleanup date tabled until April meeting so as to be after Easter (3/31/2013).
D. New sign designs discussed. File of photos showing signage from other cemeteries read / looked at and taken under advisement. Action tabled until April meeting.
E. Recommendation to Charter Revision Committee to expand cemetery committee to six members from five. Reviewed charter sections: 5-16 and 5-22. Vote: 4 yes. George Warner to write letter to Charter Revision Committee.
10. Next meeting April 10, 2013 2 PM
11. Adjournment @ 3:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Loftus
(temporary secretary)