

Somers Cemetery Committee SPECIAL Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 2PM

Somers Town Hall, Lower Conference Room

1. Meeting called to order @ 2:08 PM Note that due to this being a special meeting the previous meeting's minutes will not be read or approved. Reading and approval will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 10,2013.
2. Attendance: Carole Pyne, Gorge Warner, Patricia Loftus, David Morgan (new this meeting), absent Ed Sullivan
3. Guests: Emily Jewell (girl scout Troop 65076), Denise Jewell (mother), Glenn O'Keefe (new town CFO), David McCaffrey.
4. Finance Office: On the receipt of complaints, none received in writing.
5. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Sullivan was not present but had sent a report, which was read. Note made that those bills from the town for accumulated liabilities have been paid. (\$50,000.00). Report accepted.
6. Old Business: a. Vote to appoint Pat Loftus as secretary (passed).

b. Girl Scout Gold Project report from Emily Jewell with information on the dedication ceremony on May 18th, 3 PM, rain date 5/19. Markers will be placed late in April. Flags will be placed 5/12 – 5/17 at all cemeteries. Program draft was presented. Miss Jewell is to be commended on her important project as it impacts the ability of Somers residents and others to honor their veterans.

c. The Somers American Legion fully supports the Girl Scout Gold Project and will be assisting the scouts before and during the dedication ceremony. David McCaffrey is the representative of the local Legion Post.

d. March 27th clean up of all four cemeteries completed.

e. Request for an additional member of the committee rejected by the BOS and the Charter Revision Committee.

f. Map storage in acid free containers completed. Storage is in the Treasurer's office. Electronic scanning and storage completed by David McCaffrey. No online access yet. A suggestion was made by Pat Loftus to have information available through the Somers Public Library in addition to Town Hall. Pat Loftus will look that into.

7. New Business:

a. New member introduced. David Morgan comes with helpful background as an owner of a private cemetery and crematory in Southern Maine.

b. American Legion request for approval of Memorial Ceremonies: Memorial Day, Veteran's Day. Request voted and approved. Suggestion made that Mr. McCaffrey also speak with the Board of Selectpersons concerning the same. Wreaths Across America project approved. David McCaffrey will apply for the grant. There was a short discussion of where the ceremony and delivery area will be set up. Suggestion made by Patricia Loftus that the Fire Department grounds be used as there is more than adequate parking, it is a visible

site and the annual tree lighting ceremony is also held there. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

c. Stones for restoration will be selected from North and Old West. Approximately 10 per year are chosen depending on the expense.

d. A contract for one year was signed with Kentucky Blue for grave digging services. (See Chair for details.) A copy of the contract is included in the secretary's files.

8. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for July 10, 2013 at 2 PM @ town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Loftus

Recording secretary