

Somers Cemetery Committee
Regular meeting Minutes/ January 11, 2017

6 PM / Lower Conference Room

1. Call to order: 6:08 PM

2. Members present: Carole Pyne (chair), Casey Biega, Bonnie Kumegia, David Morgan, and Patricia Loftus
Guests: Brian Wissinger, David McCaffrey,

3. Approval of minutes: Motion to accept minutes from September 2016 by Casey, second Carole, passed.
Motion to approve minutes from December 2016 by Casey,
second David Morgan, passed. (Casey abstained, as minutes had not been reviewed).

4. Treasurer's Report: Brian reported that the Vanguard account is finally closed and the money has been sent to the Morgan Stanley accounts.

5. Annual Budget discussion. See: 2017-18. There is a department proposal by the finance office.
Discussion: Second use of gravesite (Billing for second opening for remains.) We need a policy & price.

Discussion of when to raise fees (July considered as a permanent rotation date). Next meeting discuss rate increases.

Budget to be reviewed again in March 11.

Columbarium discussion of preliminary nature to consider allowing a trade.

Plot owners may be able to trade up in cost not down. Plot owners may trade from plot to drawer.(niche)

6. Morgan Stanley representatives not able to be present. Reports are on file in Treasurer's office.

7. American Legion: 1) Wreaths Across America moved to 12/24 due to snowstorm, 65 wreaths were laid.
2) 12x18 flags removed 12.1.16, 3) Donation of solar flag light due in spring 2017 4) West flag pole to be replaced.
5) Ceremonies set for Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Wreaths Across America (tbd) 6) For West and North would like to replace / install medallions near flagpoles. (Vote taken to approve.)Passed.

8. Note: West cemetery, new grave, sunken, Jay needs to be notified.

9. Sexton's report: NA

10. Added items to agenda: Casey noted the large amount of decorations on or near graves on the Battle Street site. Items hanging from trees, shrubs, and shepherd hooks. Area CAN be cleaned off schedule. Legion representative offered to have legion members help. The committee is grateful for the offer.

11. Sub Committee: No report.

12. Next regular meeting: March 8, 2017 6 PM Town Hall

13. Adjournment: 7:00 PM