

MAR 23 2017

Somers Cemetery Committee

Regular meeting / March 8, 2017

6PM Town Hall / Lower Conference Room

1. Call to order 6:00 PM
2. Members present: Carole Pyne (chair), David Morgan, Casey Biega, and Patricia Loftus (secretary). Absent: Bonnie Kumegia
3. Motion to approve minutes of the January 2017 meeting as corrected: David Morgan, second Casey Biega (Minutes were corrected (word change... drawer to niche) before being sent a second time to the Town Hall server as they were not received as sent.)
4. Treasurer's Report is available in the Treasurer's Office.
5. Budget outline as presented is balanced and inline with our financial history over the past several years. Motion to approve as presented / Casey Biega, second David Morgan.
6. Investment report: Tom Forma presented a detailed report. Copies are available in the CFO's office.
7. American Legion report: No report.
8. Sexton's report: A 2 grave lot was sold today.
9. Weather permitting; spring clean by the landscaper of the four cemeteries will be started on or about March 27, 2017. Legion representative will be contacted and requested to set date for a Legion work day to clear the decorations that are placed primarily in Center Cemetery that are against written and posted regulations. An offer had been made previously to help the committee with this and we are grateful for the assistance. (Email sent 3.9.17 requesting assistance)

Discussion was held on the cost of electricity (basic charge of \$300.00 per year) to run a water line to 2 faucets in Center Cemetery. The committee is unsure if there is a well on the property with an electric pump or exactly how the charge is formulated. DPW will be contacted requesting information. A suggestion of using a hand pump instead of an electric one will be posed. (Email to DPW sent 3.9.17 requesting information.)

Discussion was held on the cost of stone restoration. There is consideration of fund raising with emphasis on the historical nature of the information that could be lost when an ancient gravestone is damaged. We have used a small part of the budget when available to restore the most pressing damage but do need to have a great number of stones restored. Presently there are dozens of stone in need of work in

North and West Cemeteries. Discussion is to continue at the next meeting about the possibility of a Historical Stone Restoration Fund as a specific line item to which donations could be made.

Preliminary discussion was held of amending the pricing structure for gravesites in Center Cemetery. Discussion is to be continued at the next meeting.

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Meeting minutes are not considered official until voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Next meeting: May 10, 2017 6 PM Town Hall lower conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Loftus

Recording secretary