

Somers Cemetery Minutes
3.10.21

1. Call to order 6:35 PM on zoom

2. Committee present: Patricia Loftus (chair), Casey Biega, Ann Levesque, Tim Keeney, David Morgan,

Guests: Mike Marinaccio – CFO, Jay DeLeo (sexton), John Guzie (landscaping), David McCaffrey (Vet services) , Paul Martinello (Am Legion)

3. Minutes from last regularly scheduled meeting – Vote to approve (TK, DM) passed.

4. Reports:

a. Finance – because of inclusion of the columbarium expenses the report shows a deficit, annual operating shows \$344.00 profit. Report is on file in the business office.

b. Veterans Affairs office – Many new clients. Office passing along information about Center Cemetery & Columbarium.

c. Sexton – Foundation for obelisk in North Cemetery put in last fall. No date for installation of the main piece as of now.

d. Landscaper – Spring clean-up is under new business.

e. DPW – no report on “Plaza” for columbarium, hoping for May

5. Old Business:

a. Legion representative Paul Martinello presented ideas on flat markers and flag holders. Discussion held. Ground level medallions under consideration by American Legion range from plastic to bronze. New considerations have a ground level plate into which a flag may be inserted into the hole provided. Ground plates cost between \$7.00 and \$38.00 depending on the product chosen, (plastic, bronze). Cost to be borne by the Legion. Motion made (DM, TK) to approve the concept of flat markers to be placed according to cemetery regulations, near head stones if present. Vote: unanimous to approve. Suggestion had been made to Mr. Martinello by Ms. Loftus that perhaps a funding from a public “adopt a veteran” campaign could be considered by the Legion.

Mr. Martinello also mentioned that there is a monthly flag patrol. Duties are to replace flags that are damaged, missing or placed incorrectly.

b. Columbarium plaza report – No report at this time. The committee is looking to have an area surrounding the first installment to allow mud and snow free traffic to and from the first installation and the road.

6. New Business –

a. Spring Clean -up – John Guzie & Brian Wissinger to coordinate for the week of March 22. Discussion. Motion made (DM, AnnL) Passed unanimously.

b. Landscaping contract as presented in writing by Guzie landscaping covering multiple years and pricing. Discussion. Report on file in the business office. Motion to approve. Vote passed.

Addendum:

Formal acceptance of the lettering of the columbarium plates as discussed at prior meeting. Vote of approval. Information w/ Jay to distribute to customers. This was not on the agenda and may have to be added to May's meeting just to be in line with regulations.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:34. (AL, DM) Vote passed.

Minutes are not approved until voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Substitute secretary – Pat Loftus

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING : MAY 12TH. At 6:30 PM Town Hall