

Somers Cemetery minutes
July 14, 2021



Call to order: 1832

Members present: Tim Keeney, Ann Leveque, Casey Biega, Patricia Loftus (chair)

Guests: Todd Rolland, David McCaffrey

Financial reports: Brian Wissinger was not present and copies of the monthly report will be available in the Business Office.

Old Business:

1. Approval of May minutes: Yes: Tim Keeney, Pat Loftus, Ann Leveque.

Abstained: Casey (not present in May)

2. Approval of the special zoom meeting minutes (paving vote only) Yes: David Morgan, Tim Keeney, Ann Leveque, Pat Loftus) Abstain: Casey. Minutes passed: 4/1

New Business:

1. Request from Janice Simmons for a tree to be replaced near her husband's grave site. Todd Rolland reports. Tree similar in size to one recently planted will be offered as a choice. (A dogwood instead of Viburnum.) Todd will contact her with offer approved by the committee. Barry Dolby will be assisting the DPW in the purchase.

Motion to approve – passed 5/0.

2. American Legion – Representative not present. Report in writing of Legion's decision to replace all standing flag holders with flat to the ground markers anticipated.

3. Old West annexation request from K. Riley. Presentation of request to add a 10' x 15' grave site to the south west corner of the present cemetery for the future burial of 1. Mr. Riley owns the land to the south and south west of the cemetery and wants to be able to be buried on land which is presently his but have it annexed to the Town of Somers to be an official part of an existing cemetery. Mr. Riley does own (through family) two other plots in town. One in Old West where his mother had been interred and another in Center Cemetery where he had had his mother moved to be with family. This is not a hardship case as there are plots in two town cemeteries that Mr. Riley has access to.

Mr. Riley was advised that this presentation was for information gathering only. A list of questions will be created in order to better access the request. At no time will the town be held liable for any costs.

4. Plaza Vendor for Columbarium

Three vendors had provided to Todd Tolland (DPW) estimates and plans for a plaza to encircle the columbarium for May's meeting. After discussion and comparison during this meeting (July's) a vote was taken and Frank's was chosen. The vote was unanimous.

Additional comments: Mr. McCaffrey strongly requested that he be given copies of all minutes and any other printed materials at each meeting. He was reminded that print materials are provided to committee members only. All others attending, registered guests or drop ins have been advised on several occasions that minutes and agendas are available online on the town web site.

Adjournment: 7:20 PM.

July minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for September 8th.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Loftus (chair)