

Somers Cemetery Committee

March 9, 2016

Town Hall

Selectman's Conference Room 6 PM

1. Call to order: 6:01 PM
2. Member's Present: Carole Pyne (chair), David Morgan, Casey Biega, new member Bonnie Kumiega, Patricia Loftus (committee secretary)
3. Approval of minutes from the January 13, 2016 meeting. Motion to approve: David Morgan, 2nd – Casey Biega, passed (1 abstention – B. Kumiega as a new member not present for the January meeting)
4. Treasurer's report: No representative present however the written report is available in the CFO's office. P/L so far this fiscal year is (\$8229.75).
5. Investment report: Both Tom Forma and Kevin Nichols of the Forma Group were present. Extensive report was presented. From 7.7.15 to 3.8.16 the investment earnings were \$7,540.81. (See page 4 of 17). Market continues to be volatile.
6. American Legion Report: (David McCaffrey had to leave before giving his report – notes were handed off) 1. Wreaths and holders will be down prior to clean up date. 2. MBA Middle School Civic committee cleaning head stones of veterans will continue this spring. No date set as of yet. 3. Memorial Day flags / medallions will be placed again this year.
7. Sexton's Report: Everything will be cleaned up before Easter (March 27th) and ready for landscaping services. A few newer graves will need more soil, compacting and seeding.
8. Landscaper's Report: Cleaning begins on Monday March 14. Debris will be removed and disposed of. Notification has been in the print media and on signs within the cemeteries. This will be done according to the rules as posted on the town web site and in packets given to each buyer of a lot or lots.

9. Sub Committee: Mike Marinaccio (CFO) was not in attendance and a report will be given next meeting.

10. Chair's Report: 3 items

1. Motion requested (made by David Morgan / 2nd Bonnie Kumiega) to "Repair monuments in North and Old West Cemeteries in 2016" (see proposal by Jonathan Appell – Gravestone conservator).
Vote: Unanimous. The proposal is on file with Chair. (\$4,995.00)

2. Letter from Kathleen Moulton requesting a trade of one empty Center Cemetery plot that does not allow for an upright stone to a double that does allow for an upright stone. A payment for the second plot is to accompany transaction. Presently there is ownership of lot 802, plot 2, Certificate #2010-005, cost \$750.00. No indication of the number for the new lot#. Unanimous vote.

3. Report that DPW put up cemetery clean up signs. The borders of New West and North have been cleaned. (Thank you to DPW!)

11. Correspondence: Letter from Kathleen Moulton. See Chair's report.

12. Other items: There will be a Fire Department and other agency drill at the Boy Scout Hall on Battle St. on 4.21.16 from 1500 – 2100. Depending on the number of apparatus and responders parking may have to be within the Center Cemetery roadways during this time. Town of Somers police and Somers Fire Department Police will be in charge of traffic during this time. Road closures are a possibility. Signs may be in place early in the day to alert commuters. Cemetery visitation may be limited or restricted during drill hours due to the amount of equipment involved. No services are presently scheduled during this time (afternoon into the evening).

13. Next meeting: 5.11.16, 6 PM Town Hall – conference room

14. Adjournment: 7:12 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Loftus – committee-recording secretary