

Somers Cemetery Committee Meeting

5.9.2018

6PM Town Hall – lower conference room

1. Call or order @ 6:15
2. Members present: Carole Pyne (chair), Casey Biega, Patricia Loftus, Bonnie Kumiega (initially by phone)
Absent: David Morgan
Guests: American Legion, Girl Scouts
3. Approval of January 10th regular meeting minutes – motion/ Casey, 2nd Bonnie, passed
Approval of 3.14.18 Special meeting: motion Casey, 2nd Bonnie, passed
4. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer: No representative. See written report on file in the Finance Office.
 - b. Investments: No representative. See written report on file in the Finance Office.
 - c. American Legion:
cemetery medallions repaired or replaced as needed,
Legion and Girl Scouts will start placing flags 5.10.18
Flags on Main St – will be placed starting this weekend
Swiss Cleaners does clean all the flags for free
Barry Dolby (Mountain Tree) does the placement
AL clears, stores & sets up the flags to be placed
AL started with 80 and now does 200 as of 2017
 - d. Sexton: Not available, no report.

5. Old Business: Casey reports waiting for written bid specs for columbarium to discuss / approve and send to Selectmen.
6. New Business:
 - a. Presentation by Hanna Jewell (GS) of her Gold Star Project – Flag Retirement & Respectful Disposal by burn pit to be built in Center Cemetery near the flag pole and ash depository. Professionally presented, well designed and thought out. She has a list of coordinated and highly trained assistants available. Funds have been raised. Project is planned to be in place and used on or by Flag Day 2018. In addition, two drop boxes will be placed in town for used flags. At this time the boxes are planned for Town Hall and the Police station. Notification of placement will be available on the town web site and perhaps on the American Legion site. Stay tuned. Vote is unanimous in favor. Well done Hanna.
 - b. Mountain Tree Service: Written proposal to spray a white oak tree in Old West Cemetery for Gypsy Moths. Tree is in excess of 150 years old and in otherwise good condition. Vote is unanimous to pay \$225.00 for the service.
 - c. Arbor day planting of trees in North Cemetery by Public Works. Thank you!
 - d. Tree removal in North, and pine limb removal in New West by Public Works. Thank you!
7. Added items to the Agenda:
 - a. Due to the financial report showing positive movement a motion was made (Motion: Pat, 2nd Bonnie)) to spend

\$4,900 on ancient stone restoration. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for July 11, 2018 at 6 PM.

Minutes of this meeting are not official until approved at the next regular meeting.

All cemetery communication will be in writing and given to the Treasurer's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Loftus
Recording Secretary