

Somers Cemetery Committee

July 11, 2018

Regular meeting

6 PM

A. Call to Order @ 6:08

B. Members present: Carole Pyne (chair), Patricia Loftus (recording secretary), Casey Biega, Bonnie Kumiega, David Morgan

C. Approval of minutes from May 9th, 2018 meeting – Motion to accept Casey, 2nd Bonnie. Passed.

D. Reports.

1. Treasurer – from Brian Wissinger, see report on file in the Finance office. Motion to accept David, 2nd Casey. Passed.

2.A. Investment Policy – Mike Marinaccio presented a draft of the investment policy as preliminarily discussed at a previous meeting. Extensive product will be looked over and discussed at the next meeting. Motion to accept the draft of the policy as provisional. Motion to accept: David. 2nd Casey. Passed.

2B. Thomas Forma & Kevin Nichols from Morgan Stanley presented the second quarter review report. See report on file in the Business Office.

3. American Legion – Flag Day flag (burning) retirement ceremony postponed due to high winds and dry conditions. Dedication of the burn area created by Hanna Jewell (GS) went on as planned. Extraordinary job by Hanna! Thank you. The AL will create a grate cover for the

burn area. DPW replaced the lighting unit for the Center Cemetery Flag pole. Grave medallions reportedly have gone missing, either stolen or removed by landscaper after being bent during mowing. Report filed with the police. An out of stater was found washing his car, using the water spigot in Center Cemetery. DPW fixed the water pump. Middle school project to raise the flat stones will be planned for the fall. Rope to the flag & pole has been replaced.

4. Sexton's report – Police report filed after a woman threatened a landscaping crew.
5. Special committee: No report.
- E. Old Business – 1. Vanessa & Ross Porter – Guests to the meeting requested trash cans to be placed at Center Cemetery. They are tired of picking up other people's trash and piling it near spigots or taking it home to dispose of. (Motion made and passed during new business to request DPW to provide 3 trash cans at spigots.)
 2. Jon Appell – (Atlas Preservation) Notification of repair schedule for up to \$4,900 to be done during the summer or fall of 2018.
- F. New Business – 1. Clark Pease requested to be able to remove shrubs his father had planted years ago and replace them with dwarf, and a smaller configuration of plantings to make it easier to maintain by ground crews. Accompanied by specific drawings seen by and approved by the Sexton. Corner "P" markers and flat stones will be raised to ground level. Motion to approve: David, 2nd Casey, Passed.

G. Added items – Pat mentioned an article in the Hartford Courant on green burials now being allowed in CT. She will send out online information on the article for the committee's information.

H. Adjourned @ 7:26

I. Next meeting will be September 12, 2018 at 6 PM.

All cemetery communication will be in writing and filed with the Treasurer's office.

Minutes of this meeting are not final until approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Loftus
Recording Secretary