

Somers Cemetery Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
6:30 P.M. Town Hall Lower Meeting Room

1. Call to order 6:36 P.M.
2. Members present Chair Patricia Loftus, Casey Biega, Timothy Keeney, Bonnie Kumiega and David Warren via conference call
3. Prior meeting minutes. Whereas this was a special meeting no minutes could be approved.
4. Reports
 - A. Finance: Financial Statements reviewed. We are moving in the right direction.
 - B. Recommendations from Morgan Stanley for Portfolio were reviewed. A suggested manager change was advised. Tim Keeney made a motion to make the move Bonnie Kumiega second the motion. Motion was approved
 - C. American Legion-Not present
 - D. Sexton-Jay D'Aleo was present and he said he had no problems that needed to be addressed.
 - E. Landscaper-Not present.
 - F. DPW- Todd Rolland was present. Stated that the planting of the Pillar Oaks would take place in the spring.
6. Old Business
 - A. Patricia Loftus stated that we have had no success in contacting the family concerning the stone in New West that was uprighted after the tree fell during the storm. Pat stated that she would contact All Saints to see if they had any additional contact information for the family.
 - B. Pat reported that the urn that was left on a gravesite in Somers Center has been removed after the family was contacted concerning proper inurnment procedures per regulations.
 - C. Sub-committee report tabled. Columbarium rules will need to be addressed under new rules.
7. New Business
 - A. Discussion on whether or not to request and pay Grever & Ward Cemetery Architects on improving walkability and visual sightline of cemetery and also have them determine proper placement of the approved columbarium. After a lengthy discussion, David made motion that we postpone the placement of the columbarium and hire Grever and Ward Cemetery Architects and wait on their recommendations. Tim second the motion. Vote was 2-3 and the motion failed. Columbarium will proceed with placement originally agreed on centered almost halfway between Lipton and Pio lots in existing field.
- 8 . Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. due to several committee members obligated at other functions.

Meeting minutes are not considered approved until voted upon the next regularly scheduled meeting in January 2020.

Respectfully Submitted

Casey Biega, Secretary