

Somers Cemetery Committee  
Minutes from special meeting 9.22.21



1. Call to order: 6:30
  2. Members present: Ann Levesque, David Morgan, Tim Keeney, Patricia Loftus,(Chair). Casey Biega (secretary) /absent
  3. Review / Correction of July minutes. Minutes can only be voted on for approval at a regular meeting (November) Typo noted. Motion to forward to November for vote: Motion/ Pat, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Tim, Passed 4/0
  4.
    - a. Financial: Brian Wissinger not present. Reports are available in the business office.
    - b. Sexton: Jay D'Aleo, not present.
    - c. Landscaping: John Guzie, not present.
    - d. American Legion: Paul Martinello, guest. AL will swap out the above ground flag holders for flat to the ground in the spring so that re-measuring will not have to take place. They have a donor who will purchase the flat to the ground markers for them.
    - e. Veteran's Office: David McCaffrey present. Note: Veteran's Day 11.10.21
    - f. DPW Todd Rolland, not present. Email notes: Tree replacement as requested by J Simmons will be done this fall. Columbarium "Plaza" will be done when supplies arrive. No specific date other than this fall is recorded.
  5. Old Business:
    - a. Columbarium – Request under new business a fee for dis- inurnment to mimic that of dis-internment. No fee is yet on the schedule.
    - b. Columbarium lettering – Check to see if Jay has access to the designs. (No report from Jay.)
    - c. Request for tree replacement – See DPW report above.
    - d. Request to join 2 double plots into 1. See New Business.
    - e. Report on Columbarium project. Photo copy of plan from Frank's Landscaping shown.
- New Business:
1. Motion, discussion and vote to move funds from Morgan-Stanley account to town account to pay for the paving project (\$34,407.31) in Center Cemetery per request from Brian Wissinger. Motion made to approve movement of above amount to the town account from Morgan Stanley. / David Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Keeney. Passed 4/0.
  2. Motion to discuss and vote on dis-inurnment fee for columbarium as none is on the fee schedule. Motion made by David Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Keeney to use a schedule of 1.5 times the inurnment fee for dis-inurnment. Discussion. Vote 4/0 to pass.
  3. Solution of above ground flag holders covered during committee reports (See AL report).

4. Questions for person requesting annexation to Old West put on hold. Committee members will have the opportunity to visit Old West and tour with D. McCaffrey who has maps of the area. Revisit the question in November.

5. Approval of the 2022 calendar. Motion to accept calendar as proposed by Tim Keeney, 2<sup>nd</sup> – David Morgan. Passed 4/0. Calendar will be posted to the town web site within the committee folder.

6. November agenda items. Brian W. had requested that we consider having the rest of the Center Cemetery land mapped out as we have about 14 years left on the center section of the property. Suggestions made that we consider using the original landscape designer. Discussion to be held on having a separated section for our Jewish friends as there is one estate plot already being used. Other possibilities are expansion of the columbarium section, estate plot section. Other ideas will be considered.

Minutes compiled will be considered for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Adjournment: 7:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Loftus (chair)