

**Somers Cemetery Minutes**  
**November 10, 2021 regular meeting**

1. Call to order: 6:30
2. Members present: Ann Levesque, Tim Keeney, Patricia Loftus (chair)
3. Vote to approve minutes from the July meeting (reviewed and corrected at September's special meeting. Motion to approve: Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann. Vote 3/0 passed. Vote after review to approve the September minutes. Motion to approve: Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann. Vote 3/0 passed.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance: (Brian Wissenger) Report not available for the meeting, information available in the business office.
  - b. Sexton: (Jay D'Aleo) not present
  - c. Landscaping: (John Guzie) not present, no report on the fall clean up (Note from the Chair: DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES OR MEMORIALS ON GRAVESITES, private property is too tempting. Neither the town nor the committee is responsible for ANYTHING LEFT IN THE CEMETERIES.
  - d. American Legion (Paul Martinello) 1. A list of veteran's names is being compiled for use in placing flags on correct graves. 2. Foundry will have 100 ground level flag stakes ready for January. More to be ordered.
  - e. Veteran's Office: (David McCaffrey) 1. Wreaths Across America – Wreaths will be placed on Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon nationwide. Somers will have a ceremony to lay local wreaths. Order wreaths through WAA and use CT WEST as the location in addition to Somers, CT. Deadline for orders is 11/30. 2. The flag pole rope for North Cemetery has been replaced.
  - f. DPW (Todd Rolland) No report.
5. Old Business: a. Short discussion on possible design of the extended space in Center Cemetery. Request that the committee have for January individual ideas of where specific sites might be set (family plots, military, single flat, so that G&W will have an idea of what we might consider.
6. New Business: a. Report from a committee member that there is a tree near the road in Old West that is leaning and removal seems to be necessary. Contact DPW for consideration. b. Report of dogs being allowed to run through Center Cemetery not on leash and leaving droppings that are then NOT being removed by the owners. Put back in place sign(s) asking that people be respectful and take care of their pet's "gifts". By posted committee and town rules dogs, and horses are not allowed to be in the cemetery at any time. Please be responsible and help keep our cemeteries clean and calming.

For January: 1. Have ideas for a mission statement to be written by the committee. 2. Ideas for extension of burial area.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:27PM.

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

Patricia Loftus (chair)