

Somers Cemetery Meeting Minutes  
Special meeting March 23, 2022  
6:30 PM Town Hall

1. Call to order: 6:32 PM
2. Members present: Welcome to new member Patricia Bachetti. Also, in attendance Ann Levesque, David McCaffrey, Patricia Loftus (chair)
3. Review of January minutes at this special meeting to be voted on at the May meeting.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance: Brian Wissinger NA. Copies of the financial statement are available in the Business office.
  - b. Sexton: NA. (for May ask for any update in pricing.)
  - c. Landscaping: NA (for May meeting ask about shrub removal @Champion-Howard plot in Old West)
  - d. American Legion: Flat flag markers to be delivered, labor to set from AL, cost borne by donor and Town of Somers Veteran's Office.
  - e. Veteran's Office: D. McCaffrey: A number of veteran foot stones (govt. purchase) to be set by Roger's Memorials.
  - f. DPW: Todd Rolland: Report via email that Columbarium "plaza" supplies have been delayed due to manufacturer seasonal shutdown and should be available late spring as manufacturer is up and running. If the exact product isn't available a close substitute will be offered by Frank's Landscaping.

Old Business:

- A. Removal of shrubs from Howard/Champion lot. Follow up from November minutes. Contact Guzie Landscaping again for report.
- B. Leaning tree in New West Cemetery (next to old fire house) Cleaned up.
- C. Discussion of plans for open space at Center Cemetery as laid out in the New Business of November 2021 meeting. Members present then had no issues with preliminary ideas to offer landscape architect at some point in the future. It may come up again closer to when we need to make contact for planning. We have multiple other projects in the "to be completed" stage.

New Business:

- A. Spring Clean-up date of April 4-14 approved 4-0. Notify Brian W.
- B. Socha plot to be repurchased per request from the family.
- C. Consideration of change of policy on buy backs. Preliminary discussion only. Extended discussion scheduled for May meeting.
- D. Cremation pricing on private memorial niche stones to reflect the same pricing we use for the Columbarium. VOTE taken. Passed 4/0.
- E: Electrical outlet (in a lockable box) to be installed near the flagpole to be used for amplification during events. DPW will take care of it. Thank you DPW!
- F. Vote to request removal of large patch of weeds / crabgrass and then reseeded of new West area along the driveway. Vote to have J. Guzie take care of it. Passed 4/0.

Chair report: Higuera / Schleeauf grave site topped off after a request made to police and report made to chair. (New grave dug and frozen soil settled substantially after ice melting occurred. An unavoidable trip hazard. Repair completed quickly.)

Rack cards to be reordered and reprinted after "plaza" is installed.  
Considerations for May meeting: Request update (from 2019) of grave opening prices from Jay D'Aleo. Any price increase should be reviewed ASAP.

Next meeting: May 11, 2022 @ 6:30.

Adjournment: 7:40 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by interim secretary:  
Patricia Loftus (chair)

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