

SOMERS CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 8, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES



1. Call to order: 6:33
2. Members present: David Morgan, Ann Levesque, Pat Loftus (chair)  
Absent: Pat Bachetti, David McCaffrey
3. Public comment: One present. No comment.
4. Vote to approve minutes from September 13, 2023 regular meeting (add Danielle Urbon)
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance – FY-YTD, sales + \$402.04, Investments (-\$40,628.22). Investment manager will be meeting with us early in 2024. Municipalities with cemetery trusts to be contacted by Bryan Wissinger.
  - b. Sexton – Jeff Buckley, no report
  - c. Landscaping – Jon Guzie, year-end report. Contract ends in April. Expect a 10% increase in years 1 & 2 with a possible 4% increase in year 3.
  - d. DPW (answers to last meeting's requests)
    1. Yes, DPW will take care of Old West driveways with millings.
    2. Spigot in old West – turn on and wait for line to pressurize.
    3. Wasp Decoy nests – to be ordered and placed in spring time.
    4. Pin Oak along driveway of Center to be monitored by Barry Dolby. Beetle infestation.
  - e. American legion – no updates on ground level flag holders.
6. Old Business
  - a. Concern forms – Questions on moving family plots to a trust. Work done through Town Clerk's office as it involved a deed. Completed October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Billing for IT work. (Any work to be done goes through the committee first.) IT is done by an outside vendor no one in Town Hall has access.
  - c. Irrevocable Trust: Progress report through Morgan- Stanley and Finance office due at January meeting.
  - d. Landscape architect for Center Cemetery expansion – David Morgan will be seeing the representative in early December. DM will have progress report in January. Center has 700 owners with 500 spaces occupied. Approximately 200 double lots left to be sold. No singles available. Expansion to the tree line will give us perhaps another 50

years of use depending on the market and if more columbarium will be needed. We have space for 2-3 more if the market dictates.

- e. Rules packet review / rewrite / reorganization – Chair will have an outline for January meeting.
- f. Digital Data program – At the regular meeting in January prep list of what we want in fields to have this system work for us. Special meeting to be called to meet with vendor(s) via zoom or in person to work on details. David Morgan will coordinate interview(s) for us.

**New Business:**

- a. New Concern forms:
  - 1. One from 9/18 asking if a single grave at New West could be used for two cremations. (Yes.)
  - 2. Member of the public asked at this point if overgrown shrubs / dead shrub could be taken care of in New West. The landscaper had left at this point so he was unable to respond. David Morgan agreed to do a walk through with client and invite Todd Rolland to accompany them.
  - 3. Question on clean up dates. Client told posted signs show window of opportunity to remove personal items.
- b. Cemetery News page on town web site – See Dave Marti town clerk to design a “digital sign” for spring and fall clean up or other announcements.
- c. 2024 meeting calendar – Vote to approve dates for 2024. Motion/Ann Levesque, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Morgan. Passed: 3/0
- d. Sunday burial prices are recorded with Finance Office. No change needed.
- e. Landscaping contract with specifics from J. Guzie to be discussed at January meeting.

Minutes are not official until voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting.  
Motion to adjourn: D. Morgan / 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Levesque. Passed 3/0. 7:40pm

Next regular meeting: January 10, 2024

Somers Cemetery 2024  
meeting dates

January 10

March 13

May 8

July 10

September 11

November 13