

SOMERS CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES 4.16.14

Attendance: Carole Pyne, George Warner, Ed Sullivan, and Patricia Loftus
Absent: David Morgan

Guests: Brian Wissinger – Somers Finance Office, David McCaffrey – Somers Post, American Legion, David & Scott Drinan – Drinan Group from Stiefel Nicolas Co Inc. (investment advisors)

Agenda:

- A. The Drinan's presented how they might help the committee prepare a financial mission statement and reinvest our funds in order to maximize their potential. They requested information on how the committee handles fund investments and what our plan is for the future. It was suggested that we have a 1. A written growth and income policy, 2. A written spending policy and 3. A written investment policy. They do have samples from other cemetery committees and commissions to help us form our own specific plan. Some discussion took place on how they might reinvest our funding to follow the policies we might put into place.
- B. Meeting notes from 1.8.14 & 1.27.14 (special meeting) approved.
- C. REPORTS:
 - 1. Town Finance Office – One family has requested removal of a bush near a family plot. (C. Pyne will assist with the request)
 - 2. Treasurer's report – See Treasurer's filed report.
 - 3. Chairperson's report: 25 plots sold (not burials as written in the agenda). Connick family will be receiving a letter about the need to remove trap rock stone from the plot, as it is a safety hazard and not on the allowed list.
- D. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Signs: The Committee spent an extended amount of time collating and streamlining the list of suggested changes to signs and regulations. Regulations that govern the cemeteries are being

rewritten to aligned with the needs of visitors, plot owners and maintenance staff.

2. There have not been any RFPs written for the signs at this time.

3. a. The Somers American Legion Post has received permission from the caretaker to put in foundations for the flat veteran markers.

b. The Somers American Legion Post will be placing the veteran markers prior to the Girl Scouts placing the flags.

c. The Somers American Legion Post in conjunction with state prisoner work crews will be raising the sunken flat markers of civilians as well as those of veterans. Permission was granted from the committee and the caretaker.

d. Flags of proper size will be placed the week before Memorial Day by the local Girl Scout Troop.

The committee approves all of these volunteer activities with thanks.

- E.
1. The Kentucky Blue (grave digging) contract for 2014 – 2015 has been approved. See file from the Chair.
 2. North Cemetery boundaries have been located in the brush line. The boundary will be cleaned so that the line can be more obvious to visitors, maintenance and adjoining landowners.
 3. Cemetery regulations as listed on the agenda are voted to be changed as newly written. The Chairperson will notify local funeral homes of the 48-hour rule.
 4. Due to the lateness, discussion of the columbarium will be continued to a later meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40PM.

Minutes are not considered approved until voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Next meeting July 9, 2014, 2 PM Lower Town Hall meeting room.