

Somers Cemetery Committee

July 9, 2014

Meeting notes

Attendance: @ 2:05

Committee members: Carole Pyne, George Warner, David Morgan, and Patricia Loftus

Guests: Mike Marinaccio – Somers CFO, Brian Wissinger – Somers Finance Office, David Mc Caffery – American Legion, Somers Post

A. Approval of April 16, 2014 meeting minutes – Motion made by George Warner, Carol Pyne seconded, passed.

Approval of June 16, 2014 special meeting – Motion made by George Warner, seconded by Carole Pyne, passed.

B. Reports:

1. Finance office has paid the bills for the fiscal year. A transfer of \$32,398.82 will be made to the town account. Monies will be moved from BOA to Rockville/United.

One complaint from a person who insisted he could put anything he wants on a plot. A certified letter outlining the regulations that are in place will be sent. Plot will be cleared of disallowed items.

2. Treasurers Report: See treasurer's report on file. David Morgan suggested a percentage of the income be put into a specific Perpetual Care Fund. The percent to be put aside shall be determined. No action during new business.

A request will be made of Jay Deleo to compile a list of area cemetery's pricing structure.

3. Center Cemetery has been fertilized (5.27.14) and is looking better.

C. Old Business:

1. 3 RFP's for new signs were general in nature. A more specific design and sizing will be presented. Generally pricing is \$10.00 per sf.

2. David McCaffrey reported that 86 stones have been raised in Old West. Areas of burial prior to the code requiring a vault have collapsed caskets and there are now sunken areas in need of soil and seeding. DPW will be advised. (West Addition – south east corner)

Concern voiced that grounds keeping company has struck corner markers and pulled them out of place. (Note new company as of 7.1.14)

New footstones are to arrive shortly for 30 veterans who were without markers. Permission granted by the monument company to allow the legion post to set the stones.

Home Depot is donating outdoor lighting for each of the flagpoles and veteran memorial within the cemeteries.

The Somers Legion is requesting a spot within the grounds to bury the ashes from the flag retirement ceremonies. This was voted on and approved under new business.

The Somers Girl Scouts have been replacing worn flags.

3. Draft of Investment Policy: Continued refinement. Adding that if the committee ever needs to use any of the principal a special meeting must be called.

SFO Mike Marinaccio will have the Somers Town attorney look at Merrill Lynch as this company has the town pension fund. Nothing will be signed unless the town attorney and CFO review it.

E. New Business:

1. Hamilton Vault – Repointing only, not cleaning. Motion to accept Appell contract – David Morgan, seconded by George Warner.

2. See above.

3. Landscaping company change made. Gil Vasseur is now doing additional cemeteries.

4. David McCaffery will get the sign bids for us.

Adjourned at 3:37.

Minutes are unofficial until the next meeting at which time they will be voted upon.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 8, 2014 at 2 PM, town hall, lower level.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Loftus

Secretary