

SOMERS CEMETERY COMMITTEE

UNOFFICIAL MEETING NOTES 10.8.14

Start: 2:03PM

Attending: Carole Pyne, George Warner, Ed Sullivan, Patricia Loftus, David Morgan, guests: Mike Marinaccio / CFO, Brian Wissinger / Finance Office, Jay D'Aleo / Sexton, David McCaffrey / American Legion

Agenda:

A. Approval of minutes of the 7.9.14 meeting.

Correction: Legion requested spot in NEW west not west for flag ashes. Motion to accept as corrected – G. Warner, 2nd E. Sullivan. Passed as corrected.

B. Reports:

1. Town Finance Office: Report filed on profit loss statement (will request it be filed electronically as an amendment). Funds transferred from Bank of America to Rockville / United. Known as United Bank as of 10.1.14.

A meeting was held between Mike Marinaccio, Ed Sullivan, George Warner and Dave and Scott Drinan (Merrill / Lynch). Merrill Lynch is not offering banking custodial services and may not be interested as an independent advisor. Both these services were part of the request from the CFO.

The CFO is waiting for the auditors to complete their work then a discussion will be held concerning how to best handle funds (town pension and cemetery however the funds will be kept separate). An RFP for an independent financial advisor will be sought.

Discussion of finance over site and management of funds to continue.

B2. The treasurer's report was presented and will be filed electronically.

B3. Jay D'Aleo presented information on fees charged by other towns and associations in the area for plots and services. No motion to increase or change fees made at this time.

David Morgan requested information on how burial fees (opening/closing) are shown on accounting sheets.

David Morgan requested information on fees for burial of cremains showing difference (or not) to FULL burial fees.

There will be a discussion on perpetual care fees and possible changes to be held at a future date.

B4a. Bruce Smith – Certified letter(s) sent by David Morgan to home. However it has come to the attention of the committee that this may not be the correct address at present. Letters were signed for but it is not known if it was delivered to the person to whom it was addressed. Action will be taken on the plot under discussion as of the date stated in the letter.

B4b. Vines in Center Cemetery have been taken care of.

B4c. Owner of a plot has stated she will put a grave blanket on a site no matter if it is within the rules or not. A letter may be written if unregulated items are placed.

B4d. Gil Vassuer will continue with work as listed in the agenda.

B4e. Newspaper announcement for fall clean up will run next week. See listing in the agenda.

C. Old Business

C1. Pointing of the Hamilton Vault not yet complete.

C2. Bids for new signs need to be received. None yet.

C3. David McCaffrey reports that the stones that have sunken are still being raised and reset by the Legion. A number of footstones have not yet been received but will be set upon delivery. Permission has been granted by the memorial company to allow the Legion to do the work.

C4. Investment policy manager – See report above from Mike Marinaccio. An independent advisor will be FRP'd after the Auditor's report is completed.

C5a. Add to Kentucky Blue next contract that any American Flags / medallions that are not put back in an accurate position will have a fine of \$20.00 per quarter. Flags and medallions have been run over, replaced in incorrect positions causing family members to become upset.

C5b. Girl Scouts will be removing flags after Veteran's Day.

C5c. David McCaffrey has requested that the flag ash burial be changed from West to Center Cemetery. An ossuary will be created to neatly dispose of the ashes. Motion made by David Morgan, 2nd by Carole Pyne. Motion passed.

D. New Business

D1. Pricing of lots, potential increase. See section B3. None at this time.

D2a. David McCaffrey and the Legion have offered to help people apply for government provided footstones.

D2b. The Board of Selectmen has rescinded approval of the Legion to maintain the flagpoles in the cemeteries. Reapplication is a possibility.

Adjourn at 3:40PM

Patricia Loftus

Recording secretary

Next meeting: January 7, 2015

Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

