

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE CEMETERY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
August 3, 2023

THE WAYNESVILLE CEMETERY COMMISSION held a special called meeting on Thursday August 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the small conference room of the Public Services Building, 129 Legion Drive, Waynesville, NC.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Edwin Fish called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Edwin Fish
William Revis
Warren Putnam

The following Committee member was absent:
Roy Pressley

The following staff members were present:

Asset Services Manager- Julie Grasty
Cemetery Services Specialist- Matt Wright
Public Services Director-Jeff Stines
Mayor Gary Caldwell

B. Request for Double-Depth Burial Captain Hall

Chairman Edwin Fish introduced the Cemetery Committee and Town Staff to members of the public attending the meeting. Wells Greeley with Wells Funeral Home introduced Ronnie West the contractor that will be digging the grave and Chip Killian representing the family.

Wells Greeley discussed some of the details of the funeral, it is to be held on October 10th with a procession from First Presbyterian Church to Green Hill with full Military funeral including a fly-over, drums and bagpipes. The family and guest will be seated in the Veterans Section looking downward at the grave site.

Chip Killian gave a brief history of Captain Hall and his family.

There was discussion of the plot and the double depth process with Ronnie West and Wells Greeley assuring the committee everything would be done properly. Committee Member Bill Revis had concerns with wall supporting and Veterans Section and any future damage/weakness of the wall. Chairman Edwin Fish had safety concerns and who would be responsible. Wells Funeral Home holds the responsibility since the Town is not involved in digging graves.

1. A motion was made by Cemetery Committee Chairman Edwin Fish and seconded by Committee Member Bill Revis that the Cemetery Committee approve a one-time double-

depth burial in the John Taylor Section for the family of Captain Fredrick Hall MIA contingent on the purchase of the plot and approval from the Town Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. A motion was made by Cemetery Committee Chairman Edwin Fish and seconded by Committee Member Warren Putnam that the Cemetery Committee recommend to the Town Council to reduce the burial plot fee to \$ 1,500 instead of the current rate of \$ 2,000 due to the amount of time it has taken the Town to approve the burial. The initial request for burial was before the rate increase on July 1, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

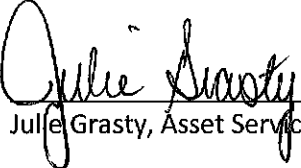
Wells Greely thanked everyone for their help and consideration.

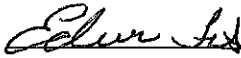
The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

F. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Commission Member Warren Putnam seconded by Commission Member Bill Revis to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Julie Grasty, Asset Services Manager


Edwin Fish, Vice-Chairman