



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Cemetery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidal at 4:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Committee Member Martha Reynolds
 Committee Member Kristie Gardiner-Lundgren
 Committee Member William Vidal III
 Committee Member Christian Allyn
 Alternate Member Vincent Godino
Excused Committee Member Paul Krug

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Mr. Godino was appointed as a voting member.

IV. FISCAL REPORT

1. Fiscal Report.

After purchasing flags for \$223.91, the Committee is left with a balance of approximately \$976.00. The Committee discussed potential applications for the remaining budget and agreed on acquiring medallions for Veteran graves. Ms. Reynolds will research prices and contact the Town Hall Assistant, Christina Hostetler, to request a purchase order for the medallions.

Motion to APPROVE the purchase of Veteran's Medallions.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Christian Allyn

SECONDER: Martha Reynolds

AYE 5 Reynolds Gardiner-Lundgren Vidal, III Allyn Godino

EXCUSED 1 Krug

V. COMMITTEES

1. Flags.

Ms. Reynolds reported that the flag replacement events at Avery Stoddard and Gales Ferry

Cemeteries were successful. Ms. Reynolds noted a potential shortage of medallions for new Veteran graves. Mr. Godino recommended utilizing the remaining budget to purchase additional medallions. Ms. Reynolds suggested educating the public about Veterans' benefits and the possibility of Veteran families obtaining medallions through the VA at no cost. This could provide a long-term solution and could be achieved through a program through the library. Ms. Gardiner-Lundgren added that establishing a donation program may be another alternative. The Committee will continue to discuss this matter when all members are present.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Adopters.

Mr. Godino has provided each Committee member with a complete list of cemetery adopters. Efforts will be made to contact adopters and verify that they are able to continue maintaining their cemeteries. Mr. Godino informed the Committee that Mr. Gwin, who maintains the Levi Chapman Cemetery, is unfortunately unable to continue in his volunteer role. Ms. Gardiner-Lundgren will increase efforts to find new adopters through social media and local community boards.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Veterans.

No new updates. When all members are present, the Committee will discuss selecting one member to be responsible for acquiring new information on veteran burials from the sextants and associations of the active cemeteries.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Christian Allyn

AYE 5 Reynolds Gardiner-Lundgren Vidal, III Allyn Godino

EXCUSED 1 Krug

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. ROW - Right of Way continued.

ROW's will continue to be inspected.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Cemetery Book update.

Chairman Vidal has continually been making progress on digitizing information, including the index and lists of graves within the book.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Discussion and possible vote to change the Committee meeting time from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. continued.

The Committee discussed the options with Mr. Allyn. The Committee agreed to wait until all members are present to vote.

4. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Committee.

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Restoration.

Chairman Vidal informed the Committee that the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program contract between the municipality and state has been fully executed. The grant of \$8,000 has been awarded, with a start date of May 19, 2025. The Committee agreed, due to the large amount of planning, that a Special Meeting is necessary to concentrate exclusively on the grant.

Motion to hold a Special meeting on June 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Vincent Godino

SECONDER: Martha Reynolds

AYE 5 Reynolds Gardiner-Lundgren Vidal, III Allyn Godino

EXCUSED 1 Krug

2. Any Other New Business to Come Before the Committee.

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:20 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: William Vidal, III

SECONDER: Vincent Godino

AYE 5 Reynolds Gardiner-Lundgren Vidal, III Allyn Godino

EXCUSED 1 Krug

The next Committee meeting is on September 9, 2025.

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