



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Cemetery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidal at 4:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance:

Town residents:

Jim Hagen and John Proctor.

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES.

Vin Godino was appointed as a voting member.

IV. FISCAL REPORTS

1. Fiscal Report.

Current Balance - \$1,200.00

V. COMMITTEES

1. Flags.

Ms. Reynolds sorted and disseminated flags to Committee members for replacement in individual cemeteries. The Committee decided more flags and medallions may be needed.

Motion to APPROVE the purchase of 100 flags.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Vin Godino

SECONDER: Paul Krug

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Motion to APPROVE the purchase of 24 Veteran medallions.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: William Vidal, III

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2. Adopters.

Mr. Hagen has volunteered to help Ed Butler, the current adopter of the Allyn-Spicer Cemetery on Silas Deane Road. Mr. Godino will contact Mr. Butler to arrange introductions. Mr. Godino will also contact the Mashantucket Tribe about maintaining the Main Town Cemetery.

3. Veterans.

The Committee has a count of approximately 740 veterans within the cemeteries. Chairman Vidal has emailed the complete list of Veterans to the Committee members. Mr. John Proctor, sextant of the Avery-Stoddard Cemetery, proposed May 10th at 9:00 a.m. for the flagging of both Avery-Stoddard and Gales Ferry Cemeteries with a rain date of May 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to APPROVE the proposed flagging of Avery-Stoddard and Gales Ferry Cemeteries on May 10, 2025, with a rain date of May 17, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: William Vidal, III

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VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Vincent Godino

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2. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Vincent Godino

SECONDER: Martha Reynolds

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VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. ROW - Right of Way continued.

No updates.

2. Cemetery Book update.

Chairman Vidal confirmed prices for printing at approximately \$50 per book. The Committee discussed approaching the Town and other businesses for possible financial assistance with the cost of printing.

3. Election of Officers-

Motion to ELECT William Vidal as Chairperson/Treasurer and Kristie Gardiner-Lundgren as Vice-Chairperson/Secretary.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Vincent Godino

SECONDER: Paul Krug

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

The Committee has been selected by the state of Connecticut to receive \$8,000 as a recipient of the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program. Mr. Godino suggested planning to evaluate the cemeteries while replacing flags. The information gathered will be used to decide how the Committee can best use grant funds.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

The Committee discussed changing the meeting time from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. The consensus of the Committee was positive for moving the meeting time. The Committee will revisit the matter later in the calendar year.

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

Mr. Hagen is interested in becoming a Regular member of the Cemetery Committee and will reach out to the Town to begin the application process.

Mr. Proctor has suggested purchasing "D2" cleaning solution for headstone restoration.

Mr. Godino informed the Committee that donations made in memory of the late Mrs. Sheila Godino, to the approximate amount of \$2700 in a Town account, are available for use as the Committee sees fit. Mr. Godino would like to create a long-term plan to restore headstones in all ancient and abandoned town cemeteries. This includes requesting funds from the Town to aid in the project.

Ms. Gardiner-Lundgren would like the Committee to consider supporting an upcoming Eagle Scout project request to build a plot map for the Christopher Avery Cemetery. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Proctor shared an event that will be taking place on December 13, 2025. The American Heritage Girls will once again be participating in Wreaths Across America at the Avery-Stoddard Cemetery.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:52 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: William Vidal, III

SECONDER: Martha Reynolds

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The next Committee meeting is on June 10, 2025.

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