



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson
Sheila Godino

Special Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson William Vidal at 4:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Committee Member Vincent Godino
 Alternate Member Paul Krug
 Committee Member William Vidal III

Excused Committee Member Kimlyn Marshall
 Chairman Sheila M. Godino

Absent Committee Member Jessica Staley
 Alternate Member Martha Reynolds

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Mr. Krug was appointed as a voting member.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: William Vidal, III

SECONDER: Vincent Godino

AYE 3 Godino Krug Vidal, III

EXCUSED 2 Marshall Godino

ABSENT 2 Staley Reynolds

V. FISCAL REPORTS

1. Fiscal Report.

Opening balance = \$2,000.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. COMMITTEES

1. Flags -

The flag count is approximately 700 flags. The committee will potentially purchase additional flags and/or some markers. Mr. Godino noted a request for someone else to assume the flagging procedures, i.e. ordering, organizing, coordinating the dates, etc. Mr. Godino will reach out to Ms. Staley as it was noted she may have an interest in doing so.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Adopters - Mr. Godino.

Robert Stoddard has a new adopter. Mr. Godino also noted there may be an adopter for the Hibbard Stoddard Cemetery in Stoddard Park along Route 12. Hibbard Stoddard is a fairly small cemetery that can be maintained easily. The Main Town Cemetery near the end of Route 214, which is a bit larger and has not been maintained for almost two years, is available for adoption. Mr. Godino will continue to look for additional adopters.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Veterans.

Mr. Vidal is using online resources to confirm and update the committee's current list of veterans.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS**1. ROW - Right of Way continued.**

This project is currently still ongoing with nothing new to report.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Metal Medallions continued.

The Committee is still looking for an alternate source for the metal medallions used for the veteran flags. Mr. Godino reminded the committee of the possibility of working with the high school shop class who could provide a few as a part of their curriculum. The Committee also discussed purchasing a few medallions along with the flags.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Cemetery Book update.

This project is still an ongoing process. Mr. Vidal reported progress towards completion but still has several cemeteries to be visited, remapped, and updated with current markers, directions, GPS locations, etc. Mr. Vidal provided Mr. Godino with a list of cemeteries to assist with obtaining contact information for access to the properties.

Mr. Godino will ask Ms. Godino about the cover illustrator and for some insight as to how to proceed.

Mr. Vidal also requested information on access to the cemetery committee website in order to make changes to the posted listings. He also mentioned there will be some cost associated with printing the books once the project is completed.

Mr. Godino provided an update on the Newton Cemetery. He was able to obtain a quote from H&H Landscaping for approximately \$4,200. It was presented to the Town, approved, and a purchase order requested for the work to begin. H&H Landscaping has already removed the trees and some additional trees that had fallen. Mr. Godino noted that H&H Landscaping did a great job with the removal and left the cemetery in very good condition.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Position Fulfillment - Chairperson Flagging

Vote for Chairperson Position.

Mr. Godino notified the committee that Ms. Godino has resigned from the committee due to personal reasons. Mr. Vidal has filled in for the current meeting and has expressed interest in continuing in that position. Mr. Krug was also entered as a possible candidate. The committee will formally discuss and put it to a vote at the next meeting.

Mr. Krug will contact the Town to inquire about any public releases identifying the open positions in their quarterly newsletter.

ACTION ITEM: Vote for the Commission's Chairperson during the next meeting on Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Special Meeting at 4:56 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: William Vidal, III

SECONDER: Vincent Godino

AYE 3 Godino Krug Vidal, III

EXCUSED 2 Marshall Godino

ABSENT 2 Staley Reynolds

Next Meeting is on April 9, 2024.

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