



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Cemetery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Vidal at 4:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Alternate Member Vincent Godino
 Committee Member Martha Reynolds
 Alternate Member Paul Krug
 Committee Member William Vidal III
 Committee Member Kristie Gardiner-Lundgren
Absent Committee Member Kimlyn Marshall
 Committee Member Jessica Staley

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Mr. Godino and Mr. Krug were appointed as voting members for this meeting.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2024, as written.

Amend minutes to make Ms. Reynolds an Alternate, Mr. Godino a Regular member and to remove Ms. Godino from the roll call.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Paul Krug

V. FISCAL REPORTS

1. Fiscal Report.

During the previous meeting, the Committee approved \$2000 for the maintenance of Roach cemetery. During the purchase order approval process Matt Bonin, Finance Director pointed out that the Roach cemetery had a trust associated with it which could cover the cost. Therefore, the \$2000 balance was still available. A large tree in the Lee Cemetery requires maintenance as it is considered to be unsafe. A quote was obtained from H&H Landscaping for \$2000 for removal of the branches and the top.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. COMMITTEES

1. Flags.

The Committee members reported they completed their individual flagging, and it was noted that the large cemetery flagging was completed fairly quickly. It was reported that several cemeteries have some issues such as missing medallions, leaning or broken stones, etc. which will need attention. Mr. Godino had several medallions to distribute to members. Additionally, the old flags were provided to Mr. Godino for coordination with the scout troop for proper disposal.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Adopters - Mr. Godino.

Mr. Godino noted 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 still available for adoption. Mr. Godino will continue to look for additional adopters. The Committee will ensure this cemetery is on the list for maintenance in the near future.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Veterans.

The Committee is looking for creative ways to obtain Veteran information. Ms. Reynolds suggested providing pre-addressed postcards to the Sextants to make it easier to receive updated information if the families of the Veterans were willing to do so. Ms. Reynolds will work on an information card sample for the Sextants.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. ROW - Right of Way continued.

It was reported that the right of way access to Christopher Avery cemetery has two large tree trunks laying across the pathway making the Cemetery hard to access. Mr. Godino will contact the current adopter to see if they are able to remove them and/or need assistance to do so.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Metal Medallions continued.

Mr. Godino noted that the Committee still have several metal medallions and had them to distribute to any member who needed them as a result of their flagging.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Cemetery Book update.

This project is still ongoing. The majority of the cemetery diagrams and listings are completed. Mr. Vidal noted a desire to complete this task by the end of the summer.

Mr. Vidal is still looking for information on access to the Cemetery Committee website to make changes to the posted listings. Mr. Vidal will begin with the Town Clerk.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Committee Position Fulfillment -
Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson

Vote for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Position.

Due to the size of the Committee, the board positions have always been combined, i.e. Chairperson / Treasurer, and Vice Chairperson / Secretary.

Chairperson / Treasurer - The position is currently being filled by Mr. Vidal.

MOTION to appoint Mr. Vidal as the Cemetery Committee Chairperson / Treasurer.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Vincent Godino

SECONDER: Martha Reynolds

AYE 5 Godino Reynolds Krug Vidal, III Gardiner-Lundgren

ABSENT 2 Marshall Staley

Vice Chairperson / Secretary - The position is currently being filled by Mr. Vidal.

MOTION to appoint Ms. Lundgren as the Cemetery Committee Vice Chairperson / Secretary.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Vincent Godino

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ABSENT 2 Marshall Staley

5. Any other Old Business to Come Before the Committee.

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any other New Business to Come Before the Committee.

Ms. Lundgren noted several stones within Robert Stoddard Cemetery that were lying down and broken in several pieces. She noted one was repaired and inquired whether the Committee repaired it and/or is the Committee able to do so. Mr. Godino noted that the Committee has repaired several stones before using a two-part epoxy which worked well but has not repaired one with so many pieces.

Mr. Godino noted there is a broken stone in Fanning cemetery which could be repaired by the Committee.

The Committee also noted the pathway leading to the Amos Stanton cemetery is need of maintenance to allow for access.

These items will be added to the list of maintenance work needed to be completed this summer.

Town Cemetery History - Ms. Reynolds suggested potentially seeing if a history teacher was willing to note down the history of the markers within the town cemeteries by either interviews or research for preservation. It was noted that this may potentially be a good high school student project.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Vincent Godino

SECONDER: Paul Krug

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ABSENT 2 Marshall Staley

The next Committee meeting is on September 10, 2024.

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