TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2022
Municipal Office Building
Meeting room 3
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

In attendance:
Cemetery Committee Members

Karl Stofko
Alison Guinness
Deb Denette
Crary Brownell
Richard Pettinelli

Call to Order

Dr. Stofko called the Cemetery Committee to order at 7:03 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Mrs. Guinness motioned to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting amended to correct the spelling of "Guinness", which was corrected to include two "n"s.
Seconded by Mrs. Denette and carried unanimously.

Cemetery Visits

After brief discussion it was determined that cemetery visits will occur on Thursday June 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Ackley Cemetery and Foxtown Cemetery will be first. All will meet up at Ackley Cemetery.

Mr. Angersola was not present, however, he advised via email that new gates were installed at Ackley Cemetery and the one on AP Gates Road.

By-laws

A lengthy review of the drafted by-laws ensued:

It was determined that stone wall repair should be considered general maintenance and not perpetual care;

The split of funds derived from the sale of lots (when available) will remain at 50% held in Trust by the Treasurer with only interest being spent and the remainder deposited into the general funds of the Town.
A specific number or percentage of lots shall not be designated as space for persons that needed public assistance, however, space shall be designated in any future burial lot for such persons.
The wording of footstones and cornerstones was determined to be redundant and should be removed;
Dimensions of monuments needs to be defined;
A minimum of 8 graves would be necessary for the raising of a monument;
Wording was amended regarding responsibilities of independent contractors and regarding decoration of lots;
bird or animal life was replaced with wildlife;
gravestone rubbings shall be prohibited;
several typographical errors were noted;
The sentence closing cemeteries for the winter season was stricken;
language was added to the sentence regarding entering a cemetery with a loaded truck and defining a surveyor licensed in the State of Connecticut;
Terms or definitions are to be added
As the document is only addressing Town owned cemeteries, several amendments were made that spoke to private cemeteries.

Audience of Citizens

Nothing noted.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned upon a motion made and duly seconded at 8:05 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Denette,
Cemetery Committee Secretary