TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023
Municipal Office Building
Meeting room 3
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

In attendance:

Cemetery Committee Members

Karl Stofko
Alison Guinness
Deb Denette
Richard Pettinelli

Others

Donald Henson
Claudia Martin
Ricky Shea

Call to Order

Dr. Stofko called the Cemetery Committee to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Mrs. Guinness motioned to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting as presented. Mr. Pettinelli seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. The minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Mrs. Denette relayed the name of an individual interested in working with the cemetery committee regarding the Second Yard.

Adopted copies of the by-laws and rules and procedures were distributed.

Veteran Update

Mr. Henson introduced Claudia Martin who has been providing data entry services to the veterans to create a database of all veterans that are buried in East Haddam. Ms. Martin stated that she would provide the spreadsheet to the Town Clerk's office upon completion. Said list is

hoped to be completed by Memorial Day. Mr. Henson noted that Matilda Burke has also been working with the veterans, researching revolutionary war heroes.

Mr. Henson stated that Heather Hunt is helping the veterans create a business facebook page. The Veterans have also begun placing flags on the graves of veterans in preparation of Memorial Day. The flag sticks will be shorter so that they are not upended by the wind.

John Appell's workshop regarding appropriate care of gravestones has been rescheduled for June 3rd. It will begin at 9:00. The VFW will provide pizza and water, tents if needed, tables and table cloths, and a big cooler. Deb Denette will take care of cookies, arrange the port-o-let and has a tent if needed. She also stated that she will contact the boy scouts.

Ricky Shea stated that he will be in attendance and will have the crushed rock and water.

Indian Stone

Mrs. Denette stated that the Stone has been ordered from Crouch & Lagana in Portland for the replacement Indian marker. It could take up to 18 weeks to arrive. Nothing new was reported.

Budget

Mrs. Denette noted that the budget did not pass at referendum on May 16th.

Website

Mrs. Denette noted that she realized that we had not set up a Cemetery Committee on the Town's website page. She stated that she created a presence, but sought input as to what the Committee would like included.

After brief discussion it was determined that in addition to the by-laws, rules and procedures, minutes, the names of the 10 town owned cemeteries should be there, as well as a link to find-a-grave.

Audience of Citizens

Nothing noted.

There being no further business to discuss, upon a motion made by Mrs. Guinness, seconded by Mr. Pettinelli the Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Denette

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