TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2023
Municipal Office Building
Meeting room 3
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

In attendance:

Cemetery Committee Members

Karl Stofko
Alison Guinness
Deb Denette
Crary Brownell

Others

Donald Henson
Eric Badrick

Call to Order

Dr. Stofko called the Cemetery Committee to order at 7:01 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Mrs. Guinness motioned to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting as presented. Mr. Brownell seconded the motion to accept as presented. The minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Mrs. Denette presented two quotes received for a Wangunk memorial stone at the Mount Parnassus cemetery on Smith Road. The quote received from Fox Becker came in at $3,512; the quote from Crouch & Lagana came in at $2,550. The Crouch & Lagana quote is less as it allowed the Town to set the stone. This work has been cleared through Mr. Angersola.

Mrs. Guinness motioned to authorize the expenditure of $2,550 to acquire a memorial stone to be placed at the Mount Parnassus Cemetery on Smith Road honoring the eight unnamed Indians who were laid to rest there. Mr. Brownell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Denette will follow up with getting the stone ordered.

Mrs. Denette noted that she has scheduled a demonstration from Cemsites, which is cemetery management software. The demonstration is scheduled for April 13, 2023 at 3:00.

Neglected Cemeteries Account Grant Program

Mrs. Denette noted that the grant application discussed in January for removal of a trees and pruning at both Mount Parnassus and Millington Cemetery has been awarded.

Veteran Update

April 29th is the date for the Gravestone and Monument Preservation workshop with Jon Appel. Commencing at 9:00 a.m.
Event to be held rain or shine. Tents are needed. (Veterans and Deb have each committed to bringing what they have).

Lunch (provided by DaVinci's – by way of the Veterans)
Water for gravestone cleaning – (Don Angersola to deliver)
crushed stone (Don Angersola to deliver)
Deb Denette will bring cookies
The Veterans are getting cold drinks
Shagbark is donating buckets, brushes and scrapers

The end time is not determined, it will be dependent upon the number of attendees.

By-Laws

Discussion regarding the by-laws and rules and procedures were held. Edits were discussed. Deb will revise and we will discuss again at the next meeting. The most substantive change was removal of the Board of Selectmen from the adoption process. This was done with the concurrence of the First Selectman and the town attorney.

Audience of Citizens

Nothing noted.

There being no further business to discuss, upon a motion made by Mrs. Guinness, seconded by Mrs. Denette the Committee adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Denette