TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024
Municipal Office Building
Meeting room 3
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

In attendance:

Cemetery Committee Members

Karl Stofko
Crary Brownell
Alison Guinness
Richard Pettinelli
Debra Denette

Others

Don Henson, VFW

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Brownell motioned to approve the minutes of February 15, 2024 as presented. Mrs. Guinness seconded the motion. The motion adopting the minutes carried unanimously via voice vote.

Correspondence

Mrs. Denette stated that it is her understanding that the cemetery committee's budget is moving forward with $10,000 in capital and $2,500 in operating.

No further update on the Three Bridges easement has been received however, it reportedly has been forwarded to the attorney.

Veteran Update

Don Henson reviewed the significant work that the cemetery troopers accomplished prior to the weather turning. They noted that they have over 1,000 hours invested in cleaning, repairing, and

straightening stones (mostly veterans) within town cemeteries. He noted that the next large scale event will be held at the Moodus Cemetery on April 20th. He encouraged attendance.

Mr. Henson advised that a new trailer has been obtained through the generosity of the community, particularly the East Haddam Lions Club), the also noted that the Town assisted with the acquisition of a sturdy tripod, which is much safer for both the stone and the worker.

Indian Stone

An April 13, 2024 date at 2:00 pm has been identified for dedication of the Indian stone.
Karl Stofko will write up a history
Gary O'Neil will provide a native American ceremony
Deb Denette will request a proclamation provide a table/tent with water, cookies/cupcakes, etc.
All will be asked to bring their own chairs.

Advertisement of the event is necessary.

Three Bridges Cemetery

Discussed under correspondence.

Other

Budget

Discussed under correspondence.

Mrs. Guinness suggested QR codes posted at cemeteries could link to history.
This could be a great eagle or intern project for the future.

A spring clean up sponsored by the cemetery committee was suggested. The date of May 11 with a rain date of May 18th was targeted. The Cemetery to work at, however, was not chosen. Millington would be the preferred site, however, parking is problematic.

The next meeting will be held on the third Thursday in April.

Audience of Citizens

Nothing noted.

There being no other business, upon a motion made by Mrs. Denette, seconded by Mr. Brownell the Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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