TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 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

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 March 21, 2024 as presented. Mrs. Guinness seconded the motion. The motion adopting the minutes carried unanimously via voice vote.

Correspondence

Mrs. Denette stated that this agenda item needs to be renamed communications going forward, all were in agreement. She advised that she received a phone call from an elderly couple making final arrangements. They will be cremated and would like to be laid to rest with her brother and sister in law at Mt. Parnassus Cemetery. After detailing the specifics, the question is can we allow both one burial and one cremation on a plot, and further what documentation would be required to do so. Dr. Stofko stated that common practice allows one cremation and one burial per lot. It does not, however, allow for two stones per plot. If there was space on an existing monument, it could be added, but again the approval of the plot owner would be required. Our rules and regulations are silent to the concept of an additional burial per lot. it does state.

> "The subdivision of lots is not allowed, and no one shall be buried in any lot not having an interest therein, except by written consent of the relative of any owner of record as provided in these rules or by the laws of the State of Connecticut."

This rule prompted discussion on what documentation would be required, and how such documentation should be stored. In the case at hand, the plot owner's son apparently suggested this.

The Committee was in favor, however, documentation and research would be required.

Veteran Update

No veterans were present. All were reminded of a cemetery clean up being organized for Saturday 10-2 at North Moodus Cemetery.

Indian Stone

An April 13, 2024 ceremony took place at 2:00. The weather was cold and the wind was strong, preventing the traditional ceremony. Despite the weather, Karl Stofko provided some history, Gary O'Neil spoke of his ancestry, Irene Haines delivered a proclamation and a brief reception was held. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Budget Update

It is believed that the budget is going forward with $8,000 in capital and $2,500 in operating.

Three Bridges Cemetery

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

Cemetery Clean up

May 11, 2024 from 9-12 was established as a cemetery clean up date. It will again be held at Mt. Parnassus Cemetery because of ease of parking and the port-o-let from the Indian Ceremony will be left on site. It is recognized that this particular cemetery is not in as much need of work as others, however, there is still much to do. No rain date was scheduled.

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 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Denette