TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2024
Municipal Office Building, Meeting room 3
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

In attendance:

Cemetery Committee Members:

Karl Stofko, Chairman
Crary Brownell, Vice Chairman
Alison Guinness
Richard Pettinelli
Debra Denette, Secretary

Linda Zemienieski, Executive Secretary

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes. It was recommended that action on the minutes be tabled pending reappointment of three of the five committee members.

Reappointment of Members. It was the consensus of the Committee that Dr. Stofko, Crary Brownell and Debra Denette be reappointed. (two year terms). The Selectman's office shall be notified of the recommendation.

Communications

Mrs. Denette relayed that she had discussion with the Selectman's office relative to reappointment of members, political affiliation of members (3 R and 2 U, allowable pursuant to minority representation rules) and the Basin Hill Cemetery. The issue with Basin Hill is that it receives funding from the Root trust. Probate action is pending seeking to divest from all non charitable entities. The association of Basin Hill has not been active since the passing of Shirley Bailey many years ago. Mrs. Zemienieski advised that pursuant to the will of Adelaide Root, the funds for the cemetery "pass through" the town to the association. The funds have been forwarded to Terri Hood since the passing of Mrs. Bailey.
It was suggested that someone speak to Terri Hood.

Root trust

Discussed under communication.

Veteran's Update

It was noted that the Veterans have been working at Parker cemetery and are planning to move to the Hadlyme Cemetery by early September.

Three Bridges Cemetery

Mrs. Denette relayed that she spoke to Mr. Angersola on Tuesday. The only update was a quote for removal of trees ($7,000) was received.

Parking Lot items

It was requested that this caption be renamed to old business. It was noted that the items are not awaiting action, and are just "parked" so as to not be forgotten. The item heading, however, will be changed.

There were no updates .

Brief discussion was held regarding confusion resulting from the practice 100+ years ago, which was when memorial monuments were placed, the removed headstones were often placed along the perimeter of the cemetery.

It was noted that quorum for September was unlikely, accordingly the next meeting will be held on October 17, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Denette