TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025
Municipal Office Building, Meeting room 3
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

In attendance:

Cemetery Committee Members:

Karl Stofko, Chairman
Crary Brownell, Vice Chairman
Debra Denette, Secretary

Others: Don Henson, VFW
Irma Carper-Miller
Bernie Miller

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes.

Motion by Mrs. Denette to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Mr. Brownell seconded the motion. The motion adopting the April minutes carried unanimously with Dr. Stofko abstaining.

Communications

Mrs. Denette advised that she spoke with Don Angersola earlier in the afternoon. He advisesd that the Town's attorney has returned some of the work that he has been assigned, however, the review for acquisition of Three Bridges Cemetery has not yet been completed.

Mr. Angersola also advised that processed stone has been delivered to Bashan Cemetery for the straightening and resetting of stones.

Veteran's Update

Mr. Henson stated that he was pleased to learn that stone had been delivered to Bashan Cemetery. He stated that the Cemetery Troopers moved from Bashan to North Moodus due to the absence of needed materials.

Irma Carper-Miller reviewed work from April 10 to May 12

Bashan Cemetery
4/10 removing stones from the town office building, removed our equipment, cleaned up the space when we were done
4/17 Reset 4 stones
4/21 Reset 3 stones, epoxied 2 stones, cleaned 2 stones
4/23 Epoxied 1 stone, pointed up 1 stone
4/25 pointed up 2 stones, made concrete base, reset 1 stone
4/28 Reset 5 stones, pointed up 1 stone, mortared 1 stone
4/30 Reset 3 stones

Moodus Cemetery
5/2 cleaned 3 stones
5/3 cleaned 6 stones, epoxied 3 stones, reset 3 stones
5/7 cleaned 1 stone, pointed up 1 stone
5/12 cleaned 3 stones, exposed 1 stone, Horace Nichols, buried for eternity now out of the ground and cleaned

Hours: 24-1/2 x the number of guys (48) = 1176 hours
A workshop was held at Moodus Cemetery on May 3rd. About 10 people came out of curiosity, but not recruits were gained.

The Preservation Connecticut awards were held last week, where the Cemetery Troopers were recognized.

Facilities Update

Reported under communications.

Three Bridges Cemetery

Reported under communications.

Old Business

The Mark Phillips stone still has not been located
The Spencer stones are still located in the basement of the Municipal Office Complex
Fencing at Bashan still a wish of the committee, and an appropriate grant request
Stairs at Warner – still a wish of the committee, and an appropriate grant request

Budget

Mrs. Denette advised that referendum will be held May 27, 2025.

Mount Parnassus possible expansion

It is hopeful that discussion with the Board of Finance can occur after the budget has been passed.

Mrs. Denette distributed the Cemetery ordinance. The item will be added to the June agenda for discussion. Mrs. Denette stated that she would work on an article, for the Committee's review, noting the need for additional cemetery space in town.

Audience of Citizens

Nothing noted.

Other

Dr. Stofko stated that there are no stones, but there are burials, in the new section of the Millington Cemetery. He stated that he and Alison are working to try and figure out who is where with records from the Clerk's Office. In Particular, he is trying to find if there is space for Elaine Woods to be buried with her father, as she is adamant that there was space for her.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm upon a motion made by Mrs. Denette, seconded by Mr. Brownell and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Denette