TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2025
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
Debra Denette, Secretary

Others: Linda Zeminieski

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes.

Motion by Mrs. Guinness to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Mr. Brownell seconded the motion. The motion adopting the May minutes carried unanimously with Mrs. Guinness abstaining.

Communications

Mrs. Denette advised that the only communication she had that was not already on the agenda was that the terms for Mrs. Guinness and Mr. Pettinelli expire on June 30th. Mrs. Guinness indicated a desire to continue, Mr. Pettinelli was not present to ask. Mrs. Denette was directed to send an email to the First Selectman requesting reappointment of Mrs. Guinness. If Mr. Pettinelli did not wish to continue, it was noted that Phil Barlow and Ken Beatrice had both completed volunteer paperwork and indicated a willingness to serve. Political affiliation would also need consideration.

Veteran's Update

The veterans were not present as they are getting ready for a tag sale fundraiser to be held this weekend. It was noted that they have moved back over to Bashan Cemetery.

Facilities Update

No one present.

Three Bridges Cemetery

The deed was accepted at Town Meeting on June 4th. It was unknown if the deed had been recorded as of this time. Dr. Stofko requested copies of the minutes of the Town meeting, Mrs. Zeminieski provided them.

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 the public hearing on the budget will be June 24th, The second Referendum is scheduled for July 22, 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. Rules and Procedures and Bylaws should also be reviewed for a concise presentation. Mrs. Denette and Mrs. Guinness were appointed a subcommittee to review the documentation and bring forth recommendations.

Audience of Citizens

Nothing noted.

Other

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm upon a motion made by Mrs. Guinness, seconded by Mr. Brownell and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Denette