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VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Vernon Cemetery Commission was called to order at 3:03 p.m. via ZOOM network by Chairman Bruce Luddy. Members present were Bruce Luddy, Stuart Edwards, Norine Edwards, TeriLynn Rogers and Wayne Reiske. Also present were Superintendent Travis Clark and Secretary Carol Nelson.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Wayne Reiske, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

Superintendent's Report –

- a. Staffing – The seasonal laborers have ended their employment. It is hoped to have them back on board in mid-April.
- b. Fall Cleanup & Plantings – Trees have been planted in the Valley Falls Cremation circle and also in Cremation B. At Grove Hill trees have been planted to attempt to replace some of the aged trees that are dying. Trees will continue to be trimmed during the winter.
- c. Paving – Parking area at Valley Falls – Rafferty Grading donated millings from road work. These were spread to establish a parking area for fifteen to twenty cars. This will avoid congestion during burial services. The lot will be outlined with boulders.
- d. Monument Cleaning – The service is going well with several monuments cleaned as well as the Phelps mausoleum and the front the Bond mausoleum.
- e. Tent purchase – A new 10 x 20 tent was purchased for use during funerals. Setup and takedown time will be shortened.

Unfinished Business –

- a. Tri Fold walking tour brochure at Grove Hill – A sample brochure from Hope Cemetery in Barre, Vermont was obtained that will be used as a sample for layout of our brochure. Pictures will be taken over the winter for use in the brochure. Having the brochures available in racks near the office and also the chapel is being considered.
- b. Veterans Memorial Walkway- Brick campaign – Around Veterans Day publicity appeared advertising the brick campaign. We have received six new orders and will be ordering engraving and installing them in the spring. We will be using a new engraver as the previous one has retired.

New Business –

- a. Wreaths Across America – Plans are to move forward with the ceremony as we have done in prior years, but with social distancing and masks required. Publicity will be handled by the Town Administration. The ceremony is set for Saturday, December 19, at 12:00 noon, to coordinate with the ceremony at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia.

Any Other Business –

- a. Meeting dates for 2021 – A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously voted to set the meeting dates for 2021 as the second Tuesday of the last month of each quarter – March 9, June 8, September 14 and December 14, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cemetery Office at Grove Hill Cemetery, 22 Cemetery Ave.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Stu Edwards with the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.



Carol S. Nelson

Secretary

Approved: *March 9, 2021*