



## VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

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### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Vernon Cemetery Commission was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Luddy at the Grove Hill Cemetery Office Building, 22 Cemetery Ave. Members present were Bruce Luddy, Stuart Edwards, Norine Edwards and Wayne Reiske. Also present were Superintendent Travis Clark and Secretary Carol Nelson.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Wayne Reiske and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021 and the Special Meeting of October 8, 2021 with correction.

#### Superintendent's Report –

- a. Staffing/Fall Clean-up – Work has been completed and the two temporary workers finished up last week. It is hoped that they will return in mid to late April.
- b. Southwest Cemetery – The historic name of the cemetery we have referred to as Dobsonville is Southwest. Public Works has fashioned a sign that has been installed with a new granite post. A goal is to replace all wooden posts with granite in all the cemeteries. Rediscovering History, Mike Carroll, director, led the workday on October 2. It was highly successful with several gravestones unearthed and others straightened. Ruth Shapleigh Brown shared history and techniques in reading the script and the DAR provided lunch. Press coverage and attendance was positive.
- c. Paving – Grove Hill sections, R, S, N and N Extension have had the roadway paved using the State of Connecticut contract rate. This was coordinated with Public Works for savings on bringing in equipment. Crack sealing for existing roadways is being priced in the attempt to extend the life of other deteriorating roads.
- d. Maxwell Planting & Landscape Renovation – Overgrown yews and their stumps were taken out and arborvitae has been planted. Mulch was obtained from the surplus town chippings. Trees have been trimmed. The Maxwell trust has been billed for this work.

Unfinished Business - Wreaths Across America is scheduled for Saturday, December 18 at noon at Lugg Field. Orders have been received for thirty-six wreaths. Ceremonial wreaths will now include the newest branch of the armed forces – the Space Force. A wreath will also be included for our First Responders with Ambulance Department Director Jean Gauthier laying this wreath.

#### New Business –

- a. Financial Report FY20-21 – Reports prepared by the Finance Department were distributed and discussed. These included the Cemetery Operations and the Cemetery Trust Funds.


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- b. Set meeting dates for 2022 – A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Wayne Reiske and unanimously approved to set the meeting dates for 2022 as March 8, June 14, September 13 and December 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the cemetery office. These are the second Tuesday of the last month of each quarter.

One hundred fifty Grove Hill walking tour pamphlets have been printed and they are being well received.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Approved: March 22, 2022

  
Carol S. Nelson  
Secretary