



CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES May 6, 2024

Present: Jim Kenney, Chairman
Darryl Darby, Member/Cemetery Sexton
Gladys Wheeler, Member

- The meeting was called to order at 10:13am. Roll call was taken
- Acknowledgement of meeting recording status – This meeting was not recorded.
- Finalization of minutes from the April 8, 2024 meeting. - Minutes were finalized and the signed version will be provided to the Town Clerk.
- Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby reported that the Bongini family has been contacted about the installation of a marker delivered to the Cemetery Sexton.
- New Topic: Evaluating requested burial permits with actual burials and ideas for follow-up: Comparing burial permits to the presence of a headstone has shown some inconsistencies. It has been noted over time that the interment of cremated remains and / or the addition of new names to headstones may be occurring without the town / Sexton / Cemetery Commission being aware of these activities. The members would like to better understand practices in surrounding towns regarding their handling of these issues and if these issues are within scope for discussion. This topic is intended for continued discussion and no decisions were made at this meeting.
- Update on Cemetery Rules being included at June 1 ATM – J. Kenney reported that the final version of the proposed Cemetery Rules to be voted on at the ATM was submitted in advance of the deadline and acknowledged as received by the Town Administrator. J. Kenney also spoke with the ATM Moderator to understand the process to be used for review of this topic and voting.
- Discuss selection for Friends of the Cemetery Commission acknowledgment: Names have been proposed and unanimously voted on for June and July. The parties will be contacted to get their approval for this acknowledgment before being placed in LiveWire.
- Any Other Business – J. Kenney reported that while reviewing the budget request with the Finance Committee, D. Haskins, Selectman and retired DOT employee, suggested that the Cemetery Commission contact the DOT office in Lee to ask if unused granite posts can be donated to outline the perimeter of the South Thompson Burial Ground. This process is on-going.
- Planning for next Cemetery Commission activities or next Cemetery Commission Meetings - The next meeting was agreed to be held on June 3 at 10:00am.
- Adjourn Meeting at 11:30

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman:

Darryl Darby:

Gladys Wheeler:

Date:

6/3/24.

