

EASTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2019 7:00 PM
Senior Center

Present: Nanette Dewester, Phil Doremus, Gary Haines, Joan Kirk, Ray Longo, Wayne Lyon

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Gary Haines at 7:05 PM.

1. Review and approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2018
Changes: Ray's last name is "**Longo.**" Under Item 2, re-word the sentence to read "**The \$2500 grant was approved last week. An invoice was submitted for the stones and the money was paid.**" Item 7, add the word Cemetery Committee's e-mail address. Minutes were approved (Phil/Nanette)
2. Update on Lyon Cemetery by Wayne Lyon
Nothing to report
3. Update on Center Street Cemetery
Stones were put back in place where there were new foundations. Stones that were cleaned will be re-done in the fall. Need to re-set some stones. Waiting to hear about new gates to the entrance. Some trees still need to be cut.
4. Update on Gilbertown Cemetery
Stones to be re-set.
5. Cemetery brochure discussion
Corrected brochures are attached. Discussion on where to put them – i.e. Town Clerk's Office, Library and the two stores in town. We would also have a master sheet at the cemeteries put on the post under plexi-glass. Directions to the Cemetery will be eliminated on the master sheet.
6. Workday discussion (April 27?)
We will meet on 4/27 at Center St Cemetery from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
7. Other Business
Nanette asked if we need more committee members. We do not.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM. (Ray/Nanette)

Submitted by,

Joan Kirk

Welcome to the Center Street Cemetery

Center Street Cemetery originated in 1861 as a privately-owned cemetery. Owner Wakeman Hill and his business partner, Miles Bradley, of the Bradley Edge Tool Company in Weston began selling family plots to area residents for \$18 dollars. Family plots were sold until 1912 by legal representatives of both owners. Notable burials in this cemetery are residents who fought in the Civil War as well as the graves of former town officials. This cemetery is also home to a "Potters Field" where many of the town's poor were buried in unmarked graves.

We encourage all visitors to learn more about the historic tombstones in our cemeteries. Carving and iconography, though beautiful, are written on material which is porous and easily damaged by shaving cream and other products commonly used to read stones. No rubbings or other copying processes may be made with respect to any monument in any of the Easton historical cemeteries without the prior approval of the Cemetery Committee. To

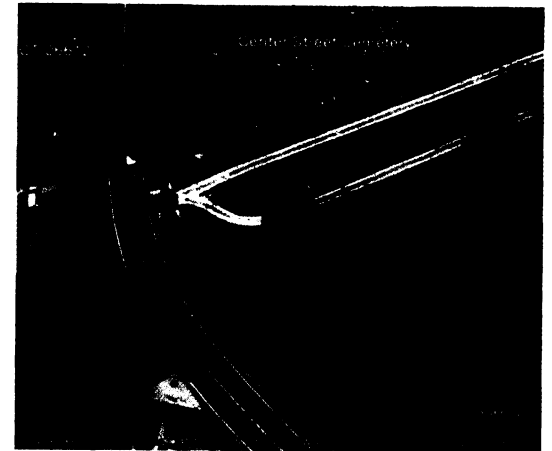
obtain such approval and learn safe techniques for reading the carvings on our town's historic stones, contact the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee through Easton's Town Hall, (203) 268-6291.

The Town of Easton legally acquired title to Center Street Cemetery in 2009. The cemetery is now managed by Easton's Cemetery Committee, a group appointed by First Selectman. The Cemetery Committee's charge is to oversee the maintenance and restoration of the grounds and tombstones in three town-owned cemeteries. The committee holds meetings on the 2nd Wednesdays each month. In addition, the committee organizes volunteer restoration efforts in the cemetery once per month from April through November. Training is provided and volunteers are always welcome to join us during workdays. To learn more about the committee and volunteer efforts, contact the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee at Town Hall.

Donations to help with restoration efforts in Easton's historic cemeteries may be made to the Town of Easton, Easton Cemetery Committee.

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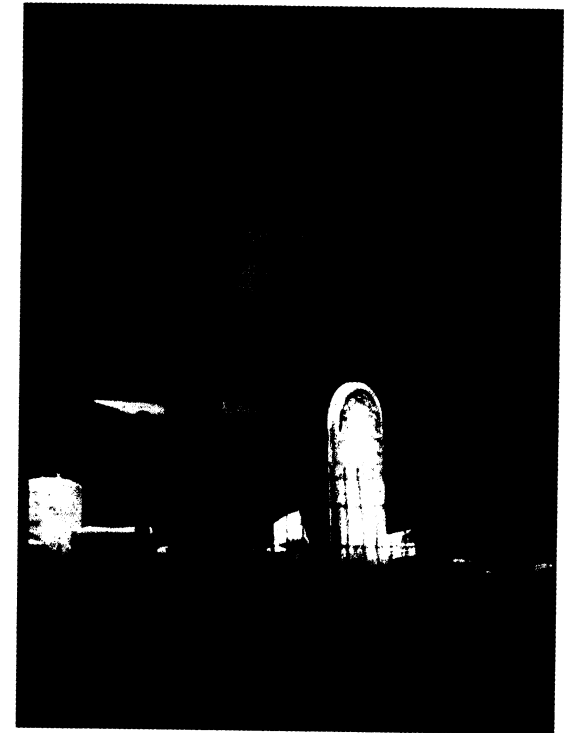
The cemetery is located on the right hand side of Black Rock Road past the Blue Bird Garage & Restaurant. Turn left into Aspetuck Park for parking. The cemetery is across the street to the left of the Aspetuck Cemetery.



Cemetery Rules and Regulations

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- The cemetery is open only during daylight hours.
- Many of the monuments in the cemetery are very fragile. Please do not lean on them, mark them or disturb them in any way.
- All persons entering the cemetery shall conduct themselves in a respectful and proper manner.
- No objects may be placed on a monument or grave site except flags placed by veterans organizations. No rubbings or other copying process shall be made with respect to any monument except with the prior approval of the Cemetery Committee.
- No monument or other marker shall be placed in the Cemetery nor any monument or other marker removed without the prior approval of the Cemetery Committee.
- Access to the cemetery shall be solely for the purpose of visiting grave sites of family members or friends or viewing the antique monuments.
- Families of person interred in the cemetery are permitted to maintain a flower bed or place a flower receptacle within the grave site. However, other restrictions apply with respect to such grave sites and the family should consult the rules and regulations in Easton Town Hall or contact the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee.



Center Street Cemetery
Black Rock Rd
Easton, CT



Welcome to the Gilbertown Cemetery

Gilbertown was established in 1768 when Major Jabez Hill, a Revolutionary War hero was buried in this small community cemetery. Prominent Easton residents are buried here as well as veterans from the Revolutionary and the Civil Wars. Also buried here is Samuel Staples, benefactor of the Staples Academy and namesake to the Samuel Staples Elementary School.

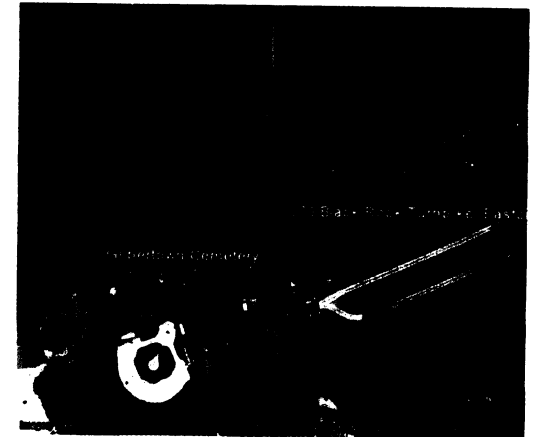
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