

EASTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

April 10, 2019

Senior Center

Present: Nanette DeWester, Phil Doremus, Ray Longo, Gary Haines

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Gary Haines at 7:10 PM.

1. Review and approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2019.
Phil made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Nanette.

2. Update on Lyon Cemetery.

Nanette reported that Mrs. June Logie called to say her husband will no longer be able to mow the Lyon Cemetery. Gary reported the Town had helped with the mowing of the cemetery however mostly done by Wayne Lyon prior to Mr. Logie's help. The subject of mowing was tabled until we have a discussion with Wayne.

There is one tombstone that was repaired in the past which failed at the seam and needs to be repaired again.

3. Update on Center Street Cemetery.

Gary received a proposal from Jim Felice Studios, LLC for the replication of the cemetery entrance gate. The cost to reproduce one half of the gate was, \$6,340.00 for the whole gate was \$12,680.00. The Committee agreed not to accept the proposal due to the high cost.

Other ideas for the entrance gate repair/replacement:

- Look into local trade school for assistance;
- Check the cemetery more thoroughly for missing half(Gary will check);
- Repair the half of the gate we have(Gary taking to Barzetti's welding);
- Advertise in local news media for the missing half;
- Have fund raiser for total gate replacement.
- Nanette is going to check with two sources she found, Mongers Market, Bridgeport and the Wrought Iron Gate Works

Other tasks to be done:

- Install chains at the family plots that have the perimeter railing;
- Install chains at the family plots that have perimeter chain only;
- Cut and remove encroaching brush around the perimeter of the cemetery;
- Reset tombstones.

4. Update on Gilberttown Cemetery:

Gary reported the clump of Ash trees along the Black Rock Road boundary has been marked for removal by the UI Company (Lewis Tree Service). Phil mentioned there may be other trees and/or saplings that need to be removed around the other boundaries.

Gary reported there are more tombstones that need to be re-set.

Gary will check with the Parks and Recreation Department regarding this upcoming mowing season at the three cemeteries.

5. Cemetery brochure discussion:

Ray showed his re-formatted version of the Center Street Cemetery brochure which is being designed to be displayed in a kiosk at the cemetery. The Committee made some suggestions, Ray is going to do more work on the brochure.

Gary is going to check with Janet Haller regarding the possibility of having the Town print color copies of the brochure also the use and availability of the colored Town seal.

Gary is going to get a price on having the brochures printed professionally.

Phil is going to contact Dan Crusone regarding any information on our cemeteries such as ornamentation on the tombstones, notable people interred, that he may share with us to be displayed at the kiosk.

6. Workday Discussion:

We will meet on 4/27, 9AM to 2PM at the Center Street Cemetery.

7. Other Business:

On behalf of the Historical Society Nanette asked if the Committee had any leads to the missing Helen Keller lantern monument.

Nanette mentioned the possibility of the Cemetery Committee getting involved in the Farm Tour coming up on Aug. 8th. Nanette offered to be a docent at the cemetery that day.

Nanette is working on getting high school students involved with cemetery research which will be supervised by the Historical Society. The program Nanette is promoting is the Connecticut Freedom Trail Map. Have research teams from the tri-town area compete for a prize. Possibly have a tri-town cemetery tour after the research is completed.

Gary is going to try to come up with a Joel Barlow contact for Nanette to begin the planning process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. (Phil motioned, Nanette seconded).

Submitted by, Gary Haines