

EASTON CEMTERY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM

SENIOR CENTER

MINUTES

Present: Phil Doremus, Gary Haines, Joan Kirk (ex-officio)

Guests: Ray Longo, Wayne Lyon, Shaun Malay

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

The meeting was not recorded due to an equipment malfunction.

1. Review and approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 12, 2014
Changes - Heading 1, Item 5 – Tree **“will be taken down.”**
Motion to approve with corrections. (Phil/Gary)
2. Review the financial report (2014-2015)
Tabled until next meeting. Gary said there is approximately a \$40.00 balance.
3. Annual report (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014)
Attached. Phil Doremus’s correct spelling of first name is “Phillip”
4. Review budget(July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)
Attached. Not sure if there is enough money in the budget for the tree work, so it was not listed.
We may need five granite bases.
Scheduling a wash day in the spring to re-spray and clean stones. Phil suggests when we do an event, to have it coincide with the deceased birth date *of aantable interred citcen*.
5. Update on Lyon Cemetery by Wayne Lyon
There has been too much snow to do any work since December.
Attached is Wayne’s report of the work done in the past year.
Wayne noted that this Cemetery was called “Rock House Cemetery” in the 1960’s.
6. Update on Center Street Cemetery(“Potter’s Field”) memorial and gate repair)
Gary contacted MW Metal Works regarding replicating the missing half of the swing gate with the rose bud pattern on the post. They cannot do the work due to the ornamentation. Phil will check catalogues. He has other sources regarding ornate gate work. There may be alternate sources of money available for this work.
Potter’s Field memorial stone will be prepared to plaque next month.
7. Update on the Gilberttown headstone setting and repairs
Blank bases were taken to Swanson’s.
The stones that have the epoxy failure need to be re-done.
8. Update on tree work
Trees that need to be cut are marked.

9. Development of the new Town website

Our site was update by Christine Halloran. The committee applied for a grant to have more" before and after photos" of stones.

10. Next workday discussion(April)

The next clean-up day is April 25th and a place to be decided at the next meeting.

11. Other business

Suggestion was made to do an inventory of the Den Cemetery.

Gary reminded the potential new members, Ray Longo and Shaun Malay, to write a letter to contact Adam Dunsby, the Selectmen. This should state their interest in becoming a member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM (Phil/Gary)

Submitted by:

Joan Kirk
Recording Secretary

**EASTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014**

The Cemetery Committee's restoration and maintenance goals were successfully met with the help of a small group of dedicated volunteers. During the 2013-14 fiscal year we held sixteen workdays in Gilberttown, Lyon and Center Street cemeteries with a team of trained volunteers from last year's pool of workers.

The tasks accomplished during our workdays this fiscal year were; resetting and/or repair of 8 headstones in Gilberttown, 10 headstones in Center, 15 headstones and 7 footstones in Lyon.

The Committee's current restoration and maintenance goals are focused in the following areas:

1. Reset headstones that are leaning in our cemeteries;
2. Install in new fabricated bases all headstones that have broken below ground level and are too short to be reset;
3. Repair with epoxy, the remaining headstones that have broken above ground level;
4. Reset footstones in Gilberttown Cemetery;
5. Install four cornerstones and memorial plaque at the Town owned burial plot at Center Street Cemetery;
6. Replace missing steel railings along perimeter of family plots in Center Street Cemetery.

Other Committee accomplishments not aforementioned:

1. Provided consistent landscape maintenance and leaf/debris removal in Lyon Cemetery.
2. Designed and had manufactured a memorial plaque and corner stones for the Town burial plot at Center Street Cemetery;
3. Met with the Town tree warden for the approval to remove hazard trees at Gilberttown, Lyon and Center Street cemeteries.

The Committee would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to all the volunteers who have dedicated their time to maintaining our town's cemeteries.

The Committee would like to extend special thanks to Lisa Burghardt for the six years of dedicated service, our regrets on Lisa's resignation in 2014.

Prepared by Gary Haines and Philip Doremus

2015-2016

Department EASTON CEMENTERY COMMUNITIES		General Backup Information	
Account Name	Account Number		
CEMENTERY	03402000	5- GRAVITE BEAKS USED FOR NEW HEADSTONE BASES @ \$100.00 (BANK)	\$450.00
SERVICE AND FEES	5200	MORTISIE TAUNT CUT INTO THE NEW BEAKS 20 @ \$100.00 /MORTISIE	\$2000.00
		6 TON OF CRUSHED STONE (USED FOR RESIDENTS' PORCHES @ \$32.170N)	\$192.00
		5 GALLONS OF BLEACH (SOLUTION USED FOR CLEANING HEAD STONES @ \$40 /GALLON)	\$200.00
		MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS (GLASS, WIRE, ETC.)	\$300.00
		Professional Stone Restor.	\$500.00
		Total	\$2,192.00

Lyon Cemetery Headstone Repairs July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

8/5/2013

Bethel Todd reset

Ruth Todd removed from ground in 2 pieces

Pruella Coley removed from the ground in 2 pieces

John Lyon removed from ground in 3 pieces

8/24/2013 Work Day

Levi Lyon reset

Marietta Platt removed from ground in 2 pieces

Edward Platt reset

Mary Platt reset

Ebenezer Platt removed from ground in 2 pieces

Anna Platt reset

In a resetting done unknown decades earlier, these 5 Platt headstones were set directly into the ground (as we found them, and how we reset the unbroken ones) in front of the brownstone bases they were originally placed into in the 1800's. Each of these Platt headstones had a slight taper cut onto the bottom of them and they were originally just set into the brownstone bases without any mortar. The morticed part of the 5 bases was very ill-fitting for all of them, and they probably never stood straight. Evidence suggests they didn't stand in their bases very long (parts, chunks, busted off the bottom of the Platt headstones were used to support other stones that were used in burials just 10 years after the Platt burials happened). Marietta Platt's brownstone base was the only one in usable condition and was used to reset Elizabeth Lyon. The other 4 brownstone bases are in very bad condition, de-laminating, chunks missing, and were moved to the back wall. The 2 broken Platt headstones are being reset in granite bases.

8/25/2013

Elizabeth Lyon base set and bottom 1/2 mortared in

The brownstone base used for Elizabeth Lyon was originally Marietta Platt's, as it was a perfect fit and visually matched Daniel & Adeline Lyon's brownstone bases right next to her

9/9/2013

Pruella Coley cut & epoxied

William Todd stone cut out of tree stump, was fully encased, bottom 1/2 of stone totally destroyed by tree, in mutiple pieces, top 1/2 to be cut and mortared into base.

9/15/2013

Ruth Todd cut & epoxied

9/25/2013

Elizabeth Lyon top 1/2 epoxied onto bottom

10/13/2013

Aquarion backhoe used to remove stump that had encased William Todd stone

Milly Platt removed bottom 1/3 out of the ground, top 2/3 already out of ground and cut square

10/31/2013

Huldah Lyon footstone reset

Daniel Lyon footstone reset

Philo Lyon footstone reset

Elizabeth Lyon footstone reset

6/2/2014

Hezekiah M Bradley headstone reset

William F Bradley repaired headstone reset

6/7/2014

Julia A Bradley repaired headstone reset

Ruth Todd repaired headstone reset

Hezekiah Platt reset

Hezekiah Platt Jr reset

Elizabeth Platt removed from ground in 2 pieces

Rebecca Hall (Aaron & Hannah) reset

Rebecca Hall (Aaron P & Lucinda) removed from ground in 2 pieces, bottom cut off top 1/2 for mortaring into a base

Milly Platt bottom 1/3 both sides cut square for epoxy

John Lyon bottom cut square for mortaring into a base

6/20/2014

Hezekiah M Bradley repaired footstone reset

Julia A Bradley repaired footstone reset

William F Bradley repaired footstone reset

John Scofield removed from the ground, 1 piece, not in right location, location still to be determined, stone has a pronounced arch to it.