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**EASTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:00 PM

Library Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Nanette DeWester, Joan Kirk, Deirdre Preis, Frank Pagliaro, Jamie Weinstein

Absent: Phil Doremus

Guests: Bob Lasky, Bruce Lasky, Alison Taylor, Elizabeth Boyce

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Nanette DeWester at 7:03 pm.

No decisions can be made since the agenda was not posted 24 hours in advance.

Nanette introduced the Lasky brothers. They are interested in becoming involved in the Union Cemetery and wanted input on maintenance issues and finances.

1. Review minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2021

Correction: Item 6 Bruce should be changed to **Jamie**.

Approval will be made at the next Regular Meeting.

2. Fall tour discussion

Frank will be giving a tour of the Lyon Cemetery on Sport Hill Road. He will discuss the relationship of the Cemetery to Rock House Road and Den Road. The tour will begin at 11:00 AM on October 23rd. It will last one hour. Reservations will be taken. Deirdre will do advertising thru the Courier, Parks & Recreation, Library, on the website, Senior Center and at Joel Barlow High School. Due to limited on the street parking, there will be a maximum of 25 people.

3. Budget Update

The Citizens for Easton account has an approximate balance of \$21,000. This is earmarked for the Center St Cemetery. The Committee is looking for a bookkeeper to manage the funds and keep track of the billing.

Elizabeth mentioned we should scan documents and save them on a server.

Allison did a presentation of T-shirts she designs. The Committee is considering the sale of the shirts to supplement our expenses. She showed three samples of shirts and distributed some scripts that can be used. There was a hand-out of the cost of making each shirt. (Attached) The color of the shirts is a cost factor. The more colors, the more expensive the cost of the shirt. It was noted that the Board of Selectmen approves a budget amount of \$1,220 yearly for the Committee.

4. Update on Cemeteries

Gary Haines submitted a synopsis of the Cemetery work completed and what needs to be done. (Attached)

5. Select Fall Work Day(s)

None scheduled.

6. Membership Needs

Looking for one more member.

7. Nanette suggested a meeting to develop a three year strategic plan. Set goals for the preservation yearly. This will be done at the November meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM. (Jamie/Deirdre)

Submitted by,

Joan Kirk

CEMETERY UPDATES
(Center St., Gilberttown and Lyon)
Prepared by Gary Haines
9/22/21

Center St.

- Removed three large bases that had been replaced and lying in the middle of the row in the way of the mowing machines. They were moved to the northern boundary along the woods edge. The depressions they left were repaired.
- Trimmed around all stones and fence posts in late August. The town machine mowed but had not trimmed. Also blew the grass clippings from the stones.
- Kept the family plots and the memorial plaque site mowed every few weeks or when needed.
- Mowed the Rte 58 roadside inside and outside the stonewall, once per month.
- Removed the stump from the southeast corner of the Fanton Family plot.
- Met with the contractor, Jon Bond, regarding the replacement of the foundation under the four large Parsons' tombstones. Jon sent in a proposal. Also, contacted Ned from Brown's Monument, Monroe, asking for his help moving the Parsons' stones with his crane. Ned said he will help us.

Gilberttown

- Removed the old epoxy, cleaned and re-epoxied the Jennings stone back together, it took 45 minutes, start to finish. Had to purchase a tube of Bon Stone Extreme epoxy, \$54.00, includes shipping.

Lyon

- Contacted Wayne Lyon regarding the repair of the Jonathan Todd headstone. Him and I are going to meet this Saturday to discuss the repair. Would like to repair soon while we have a fresh tube of epoxy, most likely next week. The stone will be too damp on Saturday to epoxy.

Work that needs to be done

- Gilberttown has been machine mowed but the trim mowing has not. The Stilt grass along the north stone wall is almost 2 feet high, and the grass is encroaching on some of the stones in the north east corner. The grass should be mowed before the leaves fall and especially before any tours because it looks pretty bad. Also, the grass clippings need to be blown off the stones. The above work should take around 2 ½ hours for 1 man.

- The Lydia Scott headstone in Gilbertown has fallen over. Not sure how it fell over, no damage to the stone. That needs to be uprighted and leveled. Should take 1 man Hour, the stone is located in the northeast corner.
- There are other stones in Gilbertown that need to be plumbed and leveled. Difficult to estimate the man hours it will take. I would guess not more than 1 hour and not less than ½ hour per stone.
- There are dead Taxus shrubs and Dogwood along Route 58 stone wall, also other herbaceous plants, such as Pokeberry along the wall.
- The gate needs to be installed at the memorial plaque site at Center St. Should get final approval from the Town Sexton.
- Should get approval from the Town Sexton for the construction of the foundation for the 4 Parsons' stones at Center St.
- There are ground level markers at the Freeborn family site in Center St. that need to be edged and cleared of encroaching sod and lifted if possible.
- The Fanton family stones need to be leveled and straightened.
- Lyon has been machine mowed but the trim has not, and the grass clippings need to be blown from the stones. This should be done prior to the tour. Approximately 1 ½ man hours of work.
- Apply D2 cleaner to the backside of stones at Gilbertown. Has to be done before cool weather sets in and no rain in the forecast.

Jonathan Bond jr
658 Berkshire rd
Southbury Ct , 06488

Bid Memo

To: Easton Center
Job: cemetery
center

Description: Footing Removal and replacement

- Removal of 4 old footings on Parson's plot.	
- Dig, form and pour with concrete a new 13.5' by 1.5' footing 36" deep.	
- strip form after set and topsoil and seed around it.	
$13.5 \times 1.5 = 20.25 \text{ sq ft}$	
$20.25 \times \$150.00 =$	3037.50
Total	3037.50

If there are any questions regarding this bid please contact Jon Bond at 1(203)994-5983
Thank you.



Easton Cemetery Committee Apparel

Long Sleeve Tees

One Print on Chest - \$12

2 Print on Chest & Sleeve - \$14

Hoodie

One Print on Chest - \$20

2 Print on Chest & Sleeve - \$22

Mask Bag

One Print on Front - \$ 4.00