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EASTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2022 7:00 PM Library Conference Room

Present: Elizabeth Boyce, Nanette DeWester, Joan Kirk, Deirdra Preis, Frank Paglliaro (arrived 7:30 PM), Jamie Weinstein, Gary Haines (via phone)

Meeting convened at: 7:06 PM by N. DeWester, Chairperson

1. Review and approve minutes

Corrections: Topic #2, Deirdra is going to pursue getting a permit from Aquarion to get access to the Den Road cemetery and a date to be reviewed for access. #3, sp. Jamie. Minutes approved as amended (Deirdra/Jamie).

2. Update on Cemeteries and clean up

May 21 drop dead date for Ed to prune trees, needs to be followed up.

Wayne mowed grass at Lyons. Gary and Wayne fixed stone at Lyons.

Center St – working on repairing gate. Dead hemlock trees back; 3 maple trees overhanging stones.

Gilbertown – Gary will cut down brush in cemetery and by stone wall.

There were 10 volunteers at the 6/4 cleanup day at Center St Cemetery. Joan Kirk will acknowledge their efforts Students Justin and Olivia Frankel donated one and one- half hours of community service. Bob and Bruce Laskay, Union Cemetery volunteers, also joined in the efforts. Most of the work was cleaning moss and lichen off the stones.

Future cleanup days will be coordinated with Union Cemetery. The tentative next cleanup day will e in the fall.

Goal – do a learning project with students at cleanup days.

Garden club to be contacted regarding designing a garden around the Center St Cemetery plaque.

Den Cemetery- Jamie suggested we ask for a permanent permit from Aquarion to do work on the property for the Den Road Cemetery. if we can designate Den as historic, we can get money for education. Elizabeth said we need the help of the BOS to get this area designated as an archeological site.

3. Budget update

Jamie contacted Christine Calvert for and updated year-to-date budget report. (see attached). It Appears we did not get the grant money. Follow-up is planned.

4. Planning

A 5K run is planned for the fall in conjunction with Parks & Rec. P & R has money in the budget For community events. They can pay for expenses. Discussion on the start and ending areas. Also, planning for volunteers, items for sale etc.

A four -year plan will be developed to submit to the BOS. Need to ask for increase in our stipend from the town, to cover inflating maintenance expenses.

5. Other business

No other business. Adjourn at 8:36 PM (Jamie/Frank)

Submitted by, Joan Kirk, for N. DeWester

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