

**EASTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

February 14, 2018 – 7:00 PM
Easton Senior Center

Present: Phil Doremus, Gary Haines, Joan Kirk, Ray Longo

Absent: Shaun Malay, Wayne Lyon

Guest: Darrin Silhavy (arrived 7:25 PM)

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

1. Review and approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2017
Minutes approved as presented (Phil/Ray)
2. Update on Lyon Cemetery by Wayne Lyon
Brownstone was fixed
3. Update on Center Street Cemetery
Rails primed and painted at Bradley, Wilson, Wakeman and Wheeler plots
Getting a quote from Charlie Dietz to straighten some stones.
Nothing to report on replacing gates.
4. Update on Gilberttown Cemetery
Tree work still needs to be done.
5. Review workday summaries
Handouts presented for 9/24/2016 thru 10/14/2017.
6. Review Annual Report (7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017)
No changes. Work was accomplished thru the generosity of friends and neighbors.
7. Review the 2018-2019 proposed expense budget
No changes.
8. Other business
Darrin Silhavy is Sexton of Union Cemetery on Stepney Road. He is looking for assistance to maintain the cemetery. Phil knows of a benefactor who may donate some money to maintain the site. There are approximately 100 graves that are bought and available for burial. The Revolutionary War gravesite may be deemed abandoned. There are no plots available in that section. Suggestion to mark off the area and designate as an abandoned area. The Cemetery Committee will be able to take charge of the maintenance.

Adjourned at 7:46 PM (Phil/Ray).

Submitted by,

Joan Kirk

WORKDAY SUMMARY

September 24, 2016

Gilbertown Cemetery

Reset two tombstones: Hannah Thorp and Mary Treadwell(recut bottom edge).

Recut bottom edge on Thomas Banks' tombstone and made new a new base(mortise was cut at Ontra Stone Concepts). The base needs to be installed.

Reset the cornerstones on the Town of Easton Memorial plot at Center Street Cemetery.

Twelve yards of topsoil was delivered to the Town of Easton Memorial plot at Center Street Cemetery by Ed Nagy's crew. The Cemetery Committee spread and graded the topsoil, fertilized and limed and planted grass seed and mulched.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines, Drew King , Wayne Lyon and Ray Longo.

WORKDAY SUMMARY

October 29, 2016

Gilbertown Cemetery

Reset three tombstones: Nathan Thorp,s/o William and Eunice, Sarah Peck and Hawley(Son).

Set two new bases: For Banks' and Wakeman's tombstones.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines, Joan Kirk.

WORKDAY SUMMARY

November 12, 2016

Lyon Cemetery

Raked and removed leaves from the cemetery.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines, Wayne Lyon.

WORKDAY SUMMARY

April 22, 2017

Center Street Cemetery

Mowed , raked and removed leaves at the Easton Resident Memorial plot. Raked up small piles of stone that were left from the spreading of topsoil last Fall.

Began spreading topsoil that Public Works dropped off to repair the erosion along the northern access path.

The workday was cut short because of rain.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines, Cheryl Norton, Joan Kirk and Pam Norton(Cheryl's sister from Wisconsin).

WORKDAY SUMMARY

May 20, 2017

Gilbertown Cemetery

Set three tombstones in new bases: Thomas Banks, Abigail Parsons and Eleanora Wakeman.

Epoxied Abigail Parsons tombstone back together.

Removed the large unused base from the Osborn Family plot in preparation for the repair of the post and rails. Spread topsoil graded and seeded with grass.

Finished spreading the topsoil at Center Street Cemetery and planted grass seed.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines, Drew King, Joan Haines, Kelly Haines

WORKDAY SUMMARY

June 24th and 25th, 2017

Center Street and Gilberttown Cemeteries

June 24th:

Hauled 11 - 1 ¼" X 20' square stock steel rails, 12 - 1 ¼" and 5 - 1" black iron pipes into Center Street and Gilberttown Cemeteries in preparation for the replacement and repair of the perimeter rails around the family plots.

June 25th:

Removed the packing lead from the rail mortises in preparation for the installation of the new rails at the Wakeman plot.

Family Plots:

Center Street – Bradley, Wilson, Wakeman and Wheeler

Gilberttown - Osborn

Workday Attendee: Gary Haines

WORKDAY SUMMARY

June 26th and 27th, 2017

Center Street and Gilbertown Cemeteries

June 26th:

Kable Landscaping Company and Gene Radomski installed the rails and pipes in the perimeter fence around the Wakeman and Wheeler family plots. Also began the installation of rails at the Wilson family plot.

June 27th:

Kable Landscaping Company and Gene Radomski completed the installation of rails and pipe at the Wilson, Bradley and Osborn family plots.

Gary Haines was on site from time to time both days.

Family Plots:

Center Street – Bradley, Wilson, Wakeman and Wheeler

Gilbertown - Osborn

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines, Gene Radomski(contractors) and Keith Kable(Kable Landscaping).

WORKDAY SUMMARY

August 19, 2017

Center Street

August 19th:

Sanded and primed the new rails that were installed in June and existing rails around the perimeter fence at the Wakeman and Wheeler family plots.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines, Joan Kirk, Wayne Lyon, Phil Doremus and Kelly Haines.

WORKDAY SUMMARY

August 20, 2017

Center Street

August 20th:

Applied a finish coat of black paint to the new rails that were installed in June and existing rails around the perimeter fence at the Wakeman and Wheeler family plots.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines and Kelly Haines.

WORKDAY SUMMARY

September 23rd and 24th, 2017

Center Street and Gilberttown Cemeteries

September 23rd:

Sanded and primed the new and existing rails in the perimeter fence around the Wilson and Bradley family plots in Center Street Cemetery and also the same at the Osborn family plot in Gilberttown Cemetery.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines and Kelly Haines

September 24th:

Applied a finish black coat of paint at the locations listed above.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines

WORKDAY SUMMARY

October 8, 2017

Center Street Cemetery

October 8th:

Hardwood brush and vines were cut and removed along the stone wall adjacent to Route 58 and where it was encroaching upon any tombstones in the cemetery. The grass around the memorial plaque for the unknown Easton residents was cut and the area was raked in preparation for the memorial service on October 14th.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines

WORKDAY SUMMARY

October 14, 2017

Center Street Cemetery

October 14th:

A memorial service for the unknown Easton residents that were laid to rest at Center Street Cemetery took place at 10:00 AM. The service was held at the newly installed memorial plaque.

The service was presented by Reverend Amanda of the Easton Congregational Church.

The event was organized by Phil Doremus and Joan Kirk.

Workday Attendees: Gary Haines, Lisa Burghardt, Phil Doremus, Joan Kirk, Cheryl Norton.

**EASTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2016– June 30, 2017**

The Cemetery Committee's restoration and maintenance goals were successfully met with the help of a small group of dedicated volunteers. During the 2016-2017 fiscal year we held ten workdays in Gilbertown, 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 and installed 3 new granite bases in Gilbertown cemetery. 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 Gilbertown, Center and Lyon Cemeteries;

Other Committee accomplishments not aforementioned:

1. Spread, graded, seeded and fertilized 12 yards of top soil in Center Street cemetery to repair ground erosion,
2. Replaced missing or damaged rails on the perimeter fences on 4 family plots at Center Street Cemetery and 1 family plot at Gilbertown Cemetery with help from The Kable Landscaping Company and Gene Radomski,
3. Removed 1 large unused base from Gilbertown Cemetery;
4. Cut and removed hardwood brush and vines along the stonewall and any that was encroaching upon the tombstones at Center Street Cemetery,
5. Provided consistent landscape maintenance and leaf /debris removal at Lyon cemetery,
6. Installed the memorial plaque for the unknown Easton residents interred at Center Street cemetery.

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

Prepared by Gary Haines and Phillip Doremus

