

Easton Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022

Present:

Elizabeth Boyce
Nanette DeWester
Frank Pagliaro
Deirdra Preis
Jaimie Weinstein

Absent: Joan Kirk, Secretary

Nanette called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The minutes from our last meeting were approved unanimously.

The group discussed the organizational planning for the October 29th 5K Run. Frank reported that he would not be leading a separate tour that day. Nanette will meet on Wednesday with Parks and Rec to get more details about our roles. She was unsure of enrollment. The group approved the sweatshirt design.

Deirdra spoke with Selectman Lessler about a meeting with the Selectmen regarding historic preservation of the Den Road Cemetery. He recommended we contact First Selectman Bindelglass; Nanette telephoned Selectman Bindelglass who agreed to attend our November meeting. Dee also communicated by email with Joe Walsh from Aquarion who has agreed to do some cleanup in the cemetery (removal of brush and saplings) under the direction of Gary Haines.

Deirdra reported that she spoke to the State about the Neglected cemeteries grant. It is not available at the moment and is periodically funded so we will have to wait until the next cycle to apply for these funds.

Jamie is investigating the potential of Clickup software which could be used to store lists, send reminders of tasks, etc. He will do a demonstration of its capabilities at the November meeting. He will ask the town again about getting an official email though it has been refused in the past.

Dee asked about whether we should purchase daffodil bulbs now for planting in Union cemetery on the Fanton plot or whether we should buy live plants in the spring. The committee will wait until the spring to plant them.

Nanette will ask obtain the going rate for maintenance of the cemetery to inform the budget request for the coming year as it is important that the budget include the money needed to hire contractor should Gary decide at some time that he is unavailable to continue doing this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deirdra Preis