

Town Hill Cemetery Committee
Town of New Hartford, CT
540 Town Hill Rd, New Hartford, CT
Special Meeting
September 23, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

Present: Mary Lou Rayno (chairman), Debra Lindell (treasurer), Anne Hall (secretary), Donna Burdick, Nancy Linton

Welcome to Nancy Linton as a new member of the committee

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Minutes of August 5 2019: Mary Lou and Anne noted that there was a point of confusion in the discussion of the restoration of historical monuments. It should read: "Ciesco quoted \$850 each for..." not "Ciesco quoted 850 for". Debra made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted correction, seconded by Donna, all in favor.

Burial Payments:

Mary Lou noted that in her research on this she discovered that the town hall does not make copies of the checks written to the Cemetery, she will follow up on this and see if it is possible.

The Burk family had paid \$400 for the cremation burial, should have been \$300. Mary Lou contacted the wife, Marilyn, of the deceased. Apparently the wife believed there was a charge for opening the grave. Currently the cemetery does not charge.

Motion: to refund to Marilyn Burk \$100.00 due to an overpayment for a burial in May 2019. Made by Donna, seconded by Nancy, all in favor.

Discussion: Debra noted that Annie Witte at Town Hall will need a copy of the minutes and the relevant invoices.

Second overcharge: Mary Lou stated that this was an overpayment of \$900 instead of \$800 for a full burial for the Zimbalist family. However, the check had been cut by Montano-She funeral home so the refund was due to them.

Motion to refund Montano-Shea \$100.00 due to an overpayment for a burial in May, 2019. Made by Debra, seconded by Nancy, all in favor.

Both overcharges were apparently caused by an assumption on the part of Montano-Shea Funeral Homes that the cemetery charged \$100.00 to open a grave. This is not currently the case. Mary Lou will contact Montano_Shea to ensure that the confusion is resolved.

4) Request for additional stone in the Beekley Plot:

John Ciesco has been in touch with the lawyer for the family. Due to the difficulty in reading the memorial inscription on the primary stone, the family wishes to add another, flat memorial stone in between the graves. There was discussion over whether this was in accordance with the cemetery's bylaws. It was determined that it was, but that the committee should consider if limiting stone numbers in the future would be necessary. No motion was needed as the action was permitted by current bylaws.

5) Brief discussion on mapping plots followed.

Motion to Adjourn: made by Anne at 5:30. Seconded by Mary Lou, all in favor.