

Town Hill Cemetery Committee  
Town of New Hartford, CT  
Virtual Meeting held by Zoom  
Special Meeting  
January 19 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM

Present: Mary Lou Rayno (chairman), Debra Lindell (treasurer), Anne Hall (secretary), Donna Burdick, Nancy Linton; Dan Jerram (Zoom meeting host, New Hartford Virtual Town Hall)

Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2020

Motion: To approve minutes as written made by Donna, seconded by Debbie. All in favor.

Proposal for tree removal by Bristol Tree Service

Mary Lou described the quote: the removal of 3 declining larch trees (the center larch and the two eastern ones on the north line). The quote for this work would be \$3600 plus an additional \$400 to remove the wood as Jeff Deloy does not want it. An additional \$1800 was quoted for the removal of the fourth larch, the one on the northwestern end of the north line of larches. This one requires coming back and resetting the machinery on another day, which is why it was a separate quote.

Anne asked about the hanging branch in the large pine. Mary Lou said that she would see if Bristol could include it as it is in the area where they will be working. Donna asked why the fourth was more expensive; Mary Lou said it was because they had to return and reset the equipment. Nancy asked why the price for removing the wood wasn't broken out on the fourth one. She also asked about the Edward Jones balance. Debbie said that at close of business on Friday the Edward Jones account held \$133,518.32; which is up from the \$119,000+- in May. But she cautioned that the markets are very volatile. Anne noted that the trees were not going to get less expensive to take down. Dan stated the concern of broken headstones if the trees were left.

Motion: Anne made a motion to accept Bristol's proposal to remove all four trees and the hanging pine branch. Donna seconded. All in favor.

Cemetery Disturbance

In late November Mary Lou and Anne noted that the Edward Childs Carpenter plot, immediately east of the Zimbalist plot, and next to the access road had been disturbed. It appeared as if the entire 4'x8' plot had been dug. There was no grass on the plot, the soil was light subsoil type on casual inspection, and the late fall oak leaves were on top of the soil. There had been no disturbance of his wife's plot, Helen Knipe, which is immediately adjacent. Mary Lou asked Jeff Deloy if he had seen anything on his last fall clean up in early November. He reported that it was fine at that time. Mary Lou contacted David Krimmel, town historian emeritus, to see if he could trace any descendants; to the best of knowledge there are none to contact. Mary Lou contacted the New Hartford police. Constable Janko came and took pictures of the area. The police are including the area in more frequent patrols; but due to the uncertainty of when something happened little else can be done. Dan stated that they might look into placing a game camera up there if it was felt warranted at some point by future events. He also said that the town would place new sod on the plot in the spring.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Anne at 4:33. Seconded by Nancy. All in favor.