

Town Hill Cemetery Committee
Regular Meeting, December 5, 2022, 4:00 P.M.
New Hartford Town Hall, New Hartford, CT

Present: Mary Lou Rayno, Debra Lindell, Nancy Linton, Anne Hall, Dan Jerram
Absent: Donna Burdick

Regular Business:

Mary Lou reported that the cemetery had seen little activity this year. We only had one burial (a cremation) and no issues with unusual activity. The only maintenance required was the usual grounds care.

Report by Gary Niksa, Edward Jones Agent:

Gary joined the meeting to update the committee on status of the cemetery's endowment fund. He said that he felt that no changes needed to be made to the risk allocation of fund. It has outperformed the market in recent months. It is only down 5% as opposed to the 12% for the market as a whole. It is currently 70% stock and 30% bonds which fits well with the moderate risk, long term needs of the cemetery. The regular annual draw of around \$4,650.00 is being matched by its growth. He did state that if the cemetery should need a major capital project, knowing about it a year plus in advance would be helpful in order to reallocate funds. But at this time nothing needs to be changed.

Dumont Plot:

Mary Lou discussed the Dumont plot. She had been contacted by the son who wished to bury his parents in the cemetery and knew they had bought a plot but had no other records. She and Anne went and found the markers 'D' that are presumed to correspond to the plot. There is a financial record from 1997 of the Dumonts purchasing a plot, but it was never marked on the map. The 'D' plot in question had been a mystery plot as it did not correspond to any known family and was not marked on the map. Following this research, it is assumed to belong to the Dumonts.

Fall cleanup: Mary Lou noted that the fall cleanup had been finished and she had submitted the last bill of the year to Annie Witte at Town Hall for a sum of \$1225

It was agreed that the committee would meet in March to discuss the 2023 budget.

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy at 4:26, seconded by Debra. All in Favor.