

Town Hill Cemetery Committee
Regular Meeting, May 1, 2023, 4:00 P.M.
New Hartford Town Hall, New Hartford, CT

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

Regular Business:

Minutes of the March 6, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve by Debra, seconded by Donna, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Debra Lindell

As of April 30, 2023 there was \$123,945.10 in the Edward Jones account. Considering the current market and expenses this is very good. It is even better when the fact that \$4,000 was transferred to the checking account prior to this accounting. This \$4,000 is the agreed upon amount that will hopefully cover this year's expenses. If the checking account is included on April 30, 2023 there was \$129,255.70 in the accounts; last year there was \$127,126.99

Mary Lou discussed plot mapping. She noted that she is working on an area near the Aranow plots that may yield 10 to 15 plots but these are not yet counted as assets as she has not finished yet. So currently we have the same number of plots as last year. There is one person considering buying a plot at this time.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Motion to accept by Donna, seconded by Nancy, all in favor.

Cemetery Spring Cleanup:

Mary Lou reported that in February it has appeared that there was very little work to be done for spring cleanup. However, we got a very heavy wet snowfall in March that caused substantial damage to trees. Pinegrove alerted her that the bill for cleanup would be higher than anticipated because of this. Mary Lou did receive a bill for \$450 in April, which is higher, but there may be another bill coming, she is not sure. She and Anne walked the cemetery after being told by Pinegrove about this. They found that there was clear evidence in the trees of damage, but that the cleanup was very good.

Communications:

Mary Lou reported on three ongoing plot concerns. Sherry Monti, whose sister was buried a few years ago is working with Ciesco Monuments to put in place a marker for her sister and to align the Pedersen/Lewis monuments, which are in her plot. These are out of alignment and cause maintenance issues. Charles Chambers, nephew of Anne Crudge who passed recently, is working with Ciesco and Mary Lou on how to memorialize Anne Crudge. There is no sufficient space in the plot for another stone with ease, so they may add to the existing stone. Mary Lou approved the Dumont stone. She showed the committee the sketch and all agreed that it was alright.

On site visit for committee:

Mary Lou commented that she would like to schedule a site visit for the committee. The priority is to consider a grove of small saplings between the Aranow/Zimbalist plot and to get consensus on whether to keep any of them or not. Also to consider whether any stones should be restored. Anne said that she and Mary Lou had looked at the saplings, and perhaps as a future shade tree one or two might be kept, but that the committee really needed to visit. Donna asked if there were any known descendants of the people whose stones might need work. It was agreed to schedule a visit in May.

Memorial Day:

Mary Lou has arranged a speaker: Frank Rodenberg, current teacher at NW7 and Air Force veteran. A student from Ann Antolini will play Taps. The vocalist will be Robin Goodskey. Mary Lou has called and left a message with the 103rd Air Wing about the possibility of a fly over, has not heard back.

Other business:

None

Motion to adjourn at 4:22 made by Nancy, seconded by Donna, all in favor.