

Town Hill Cemetery Committee
Town of New Hartford, CT
540 Town Hill Rd, New Hartford, CT
Annual Meeting
May 7, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM

Present: Mary Lou Rayno (chairman), Debra Lindell (treasurer), Sue Hall, Anne Hall (secretary)

Absent: Donna Burdick

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Minutes of May 5, 2018: Sue move to accept, Debra seconded, all in favor

Minutes of June 26, 2018: Debra move to accept, Sue seconded, all in favor

Minutes of August 30, 2018: Debra move to accept, Sue seconded, all in favor

Election of officers:

Chairman: Sue moved to nominate Mary Lou as chair, Anne seconded, all in favor

Secretary: Mary Lou moved to nominate Anne as secretary, Debra seconded, all in favor

Treasurer: Anne moved to nominate Debra as treasurer, Mary Lou seconded, all in favor

Treasurer's Report

See report submitted by Debra Lindell on May 5, 2018 for details of account activity. Debra submitted the report for last year, noting that the Edward Jones fund is up from last year. Current total liquid assets are: Edward Jones Mutual Fund 141-04590-1-8: \$121,072.07; Northwest Community Bank Checking 55001008024: \$1,997.35. Current illiquid assets are: 82 available plots, valued at \$800.00 each as per price in by laws for a total of \$65,600.00

Debra noted that under the new management as a town commission she does not have access to the data for the Northwest Community Bank Checking Account, just the final sheets.

Sue made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Anne seconded, all in favor

Chairman's Report

Mary Lou reported that she continues to work on identifies plots. Sue asked why we were limiting 2 cremations to an 8' by 4' plot. Mary Lou stated that it is simply what we had come up with a number of years ago, but that she will check with other nearby cemeteries and funeral homes to see what their policies and their prices are.

Discussion of the restoration of historical monuments followed. Mary Lou and Anne visited the cemetery on May 6, 2018 and found a number of monuments in disrepair due to age, time, and weather damage. It was determined that figuring out a 'triage' system was needed, which stones were high priority for repair or stabilization: was it most damaged, most historically/culturally significant, was it stones of a certain material, etc.? Anne will reach out to the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to see if they have any guidelines. It was determined that the two corner obelisks in the back must be stabilized this year before they fall and are damaged. Mary Lou will contact John Ciesco to get a price on that project.

Trees at Memorial Park

It was noted that the committee now has no say on what occurs at the park. It was unanimous, however, that as a committee and as private citizens they disapproved of the town's decision to cut down all of the cedars and the yews surrounding the bell.

Memorial Day

The committee approved plans for the Memorial Day celebration. Anne will be the speaker, as Mary Lou was not able to get other people who have spoken in the past. Greg O'Brien will sing as he has previously.

Motion to Adjourn: made by Sue at 5:43. Seconded by Debra, all in favor.