

Minutes of Meeting – July 22, 2020 – 11:00 AM

Cemetery Commission

In attendance: Walter Atwood – Commissioner (Chair)

Marilyn Bisiewicz - Commissioner

Ed Abrahams – Commissioner

Steve Bannon – Commissioner

Sean VanDeusen – DPW Superintendent

1. Meeting called to Order at 11:00 AM
2. Approval of Minutes – Not at this time

1 Nominations

- Ed nominated Bud to continue as Chairman
- Steve seconded
- Unanimous
- Steve nominated Marilyn for Vice Chairman
- Unanimous

2 Cremations

- Place shelves in the Mausoleum at Mahaiwe for cremated remains
- Ed motioned
- Steve seconded
- Unanimous

3 Cemetery Conditions and Repairs

- Rich Atwood will be starting on repairs
- Mahaiwe & Waterstreet – pick up metal posts between marble pillars
- Sean will get proposal from EDM for mausoleum roof design and fences – CPA funding
- Mahaiwe – put un cement posts where the metal guardrail is

4 Green Burials

- Blue Hill Road
- Allowing to use plots already purchased?
- Costs
- Metal fence around site?
- Pull up roads in cemeteries to turn into green burial plots?
- Ed and Sean to discuss further

5 Housatonic & Elmwood Cemeteries

- Running out of space
- Buy more land?
- Bud will investigate

6 New Business

- A Rabbi approached Ed and Steve about space to have Orthodox-Jewish burials
- Resident and non-resident plots
- Reserve a section; group stone in Hebrew
- Casket must touch the earth, no metal, in ground within 24 hours
- Blue Hill Road?
- Rich to lay out plots
- Find out if there is a wetland delineation (Sean)

7 Citizen Speak Time

- None

8 Old Business

- None

9 Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM

Minutes taken and submitted by Jackie Dawson