

Sugar Hill Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes DRAFT
June 13, 2024 at 6:00pm Crapo Building

Present: Leo Dickinson, Kathy Jablonski, Lynn Kenerson, Larry Sawyer, Lynne Warren.

Also present: Peter Carbonneau, Sexton.

Regular Business Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Kathy Jablonski, Chair.

Approval of the Minutes

- Approve the minutes from April 11, 2024
 MOTION: (Warren, Sawyer) to approve the minutes as presented.
 VOTE: All in favor.

Sexton's Report

- Peter presented expenses to date (mostly flagpole).
- Streeter District flag pole: Installation went smoothly.
- Veterans' flag holders: The original vendor has cancelled our order due to supply issues. Peter will order a dozen aluminum from a new vendor and if they are satisfactory, he will order more.
- Birdbath for the Sunnyside seating area has been installed.
- SD footstone project: Peter, Leo and Lynn worked together to pair up the head and footstones. The actual location of graves is in question, and there are likely unmarked graves as well. Larry contacted a company in Hudson NH that specializes in locating graves with ground-penetrating radar, and the committee is considering hiring them next year to map graves in the SD cemetery.
- Memorial Day Honor Guard at Sunnyside: The event was well attended – the committee agreed that the notice in the town newsletter and sign at the upper entrance were effective.
- Luke Harvey will come after July 4th to do monument cleaning at Sunnyside. His insurance is on file with the town. He will meet with Peter to discuss the job and cost/day, which will determine how much work can be done within our budget.
- Electrifying the shed: Eversource will provide the power line from the road to the shed at no charge. Peter received 2 estimates from electrical contractors for wiring/fixtures/etc (\$2700 and \$2500). The committee discussed the ongoing costs associated with the project and how that would impact our annual budget moving forward. Larry will attend the selectboard meeting to discuss the logistics of paying the utility bill.
- Audrey Crowe has been in touch about doing work this season.

Old Business

- Stone cleaning: Larry reports that the product he used is not very effective on lichen and black mold. It did a nice job on the granite. He'll continue to experiment with different techniques.

New Business

- Gravesite decorations: Committee members toured the cemeteries over the past week to observe the overall condition of the properties. It was noted that the number of rules & regulations violations is growing and that it's time to take action. The most common infraction is the prevalence of solar lights, which are not allowed. The rule regarding artificial illumination

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has been in effect for more than 10 years, and the committee will make an effort to educate lot owners and visitors about the policy.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is July 11, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Crapo Building.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Kenerson, Secretary

These are the tabled items for future discussion:

- *Green burials*
- *SD/LH lot sizes*
- *Policy for replacing old/broken stones*
- *2025 – new fences at Sunnyside and SD/LH*
- *Landscaping at both cemeteries*