

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE

Stockbridge Cemetery Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Town Offices, 50 Main Street. In Person and via Zoom.

Present:

Karen Marshall, Chair
Candace Currie, Vice-chair, At-large
Patrick White, Select Board
Pat Flinn, LHA representative
Terri Iemolini, Town Clerk

Guests:

Peter Williams, Historical Commission

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am.

1. Approval of Minutes, March 21, 2023 and January 31, 2023
 - White motioned; Flinn 2nd as amended
 - March and January minutes approved.
2. Utilities and Water at garage - postponed until Hugh is able to attend
3. Signs for Cemetery

Ghi Sign in Canaan CT; For a 15" X 11" oval sign, copy per spec, on .080 aluminum will run \$65 each. Total for 5 signs would be \$325 (plus sales tax if applicable).

If you are tax exempt, please provide a copy of your tax exempt certificate. Once we receive the deposit, the order will be placed on the schedule, and Phil will create a proof for your approval. Once approved, anticipate 1-2 weeks for production.

- Currie will continue to pursue the signs with Ghi Sign.

MasCor – equivalent sign size that looks more like a No Parking sign, would be about \$14/sign; MasCor doesn't make signs that are different from typical road signs; the oval is not possible.

4. By-law revisions; finalizing 2.1
 - After discussion, there is clear agreement. White motioned to use the following 4 paragraphs below, Flinn 2nd:
 - Motion Approved.

Residents or taxpayers, including those residents or taxpayers who have needed to move out of town for additional care or to care for others shall be entitled, upon death, to be interred in a burial plot in the Town Cemetery, subject to the requirements of this Article.

Non-primary residents, whose family members already have a burial plot, shall be entitled, upon death, to join that family plot if there is room.

The Cemetery Commission will review all other non-primary resident requests and decide those on a case by case basis.

No right of interment pursuant to this Article may be transferred, or sold.

- Marshall will pass bylaw changes by Town Counsel.
- Marshall will propose the bylaw changes to Select Board on Thursday this week.

5. Following Up...

1. Thyme transplanting
 1. Tom Farley, local landscaper) suggested doing a test patch using small plugs taken with a tablespoon; there's no need to make large divots.
 2. Town resident has creeping thyme that she is willing to donate.
 3. Greenagers – Previously, Page told Marshall that there is often money available to pay for labor: Greenagers may be able transplant thyme. Marshall will follow up with them.
2. Preservation Work Historic Stones – who will be trained?
 1. Next cleaning and training of highway dept will be in June. Five days of training, not consecutively due to Highway dept availability.
3. Policies – Monuments, Markers, Plants and Decorations
 1. Reviewed. Currie to make changes as requested that includes drawings of monument locations; to be prepared for next meeting.

White motioned to adjourned, Flinn 2nd; Adjourned at 10:47am

Next meeting, May 23,2023

Items for next Meeting

Benches for the cemetery, Memorial benches, cedar benches.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Currie, Vice-chair Cemetery Commission