

Sugar Hill Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024 at 6:00pm Crapo Building

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

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 March 14, 2024
MOTION: (Sawyer, Dickinson) to approve the minutes as amended.
VOTE: All in favor.

Sexton's Report

- Spring cleanup is underway.
- Streeter District flag pole: Flagworks Over America in Concord, NH can ship a commercial grade 20' white fiberglass flagpole directly to Streeter Cemetery for \$1800. This is the same size as Sunnyside and the Meetinghouse and is a popular choice according to the vendor (who has worked with other local property owners). Jim Keefe is available to help with installation and has previous experience. The additional installation costs for setting the pole are estimated to be less than \$1000.

MOTION: (Sawyer, Kenerson) to order the fiberglass flagpole described above with the addition of an installation kit.

VOTE: All in favor.

MOTION: (Sawyer, Dickinson) to make available the funds to pay Jim Keefe to work with Peter on the installation of the flagpole.

VOTE: All in favor.

The trustees will meet at the SD cemetery with Peter at 8am Tuesday April 16th to discuss placement.

- Veterans' flag holders: Bronze Veteran flag holders that are branch-specific cost \$110 each, while generic ones are \$67 each (plus freight.) We need 25 to complete the current list of Veterans.

MOTION: (Sawyer, Jablonski) to order 25 of the generic bronze Veterans' flag holders.

Amended to order 30 to have 5 additional on hand.

VOTE: All in favor.

- American flags for Veterans' graves: We use fray resistant flags that measure 8x12" with a gold point on top. Peter found what we need for \$1.44 each. We need 150.

MOTION: (Sawyer, Kenerson) to order the flags for the cemeteries.

VOTE: All in favor.

- Odd Fellows' flags: Peter purchased a dozen IOOF (Int'l Order of Odd Fellows) flags for \$30. We continue the tradition of marking these graves as has been done in the past.

- Electrifying the shed: Peter feels that having power at the shed would be helpful given the prevalence of battery-powered tools. He will explore the feasibility of that and report back.

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- Peter would like to purchase a new birdbath for the Sunnyside seating area.
MOTION: (Sawyer, Kenerson) to allocate not more than \$250 for a new birdbath.
VOTE: All in favor.
- The entrance roads at Sunnyside (upper and lower) are in need of repair, for the record.

Old Business

- Hughes plot request follow-up: Kathy sent a letter with our decision and has not heard back.
- Account balances at local businesses: just a reminder that they exist.
- Stone cleaning: Peter continues to look for contractors who can be hired for stone cleaning. They need to carry insurance to work on town property.
- Audrey Crowe will be moving forward with landscaping work.
- Fencing other than wood? The fencing contractor suggests that we go with vinyl or aluminum which are attractive and durable. More information forthcoming.
- 2024 Priorities based on the budget: Flag pole, regular maintenance of stones, SD footstone project, landscaping, and rehab of gravel roads. Peter will research contractors for the road work.

New Business

- Streeter District headstone/footstone project: While mapping the SD cemetery, Lynn K. discovered that the footstones and headstones don't match up for most of the graves. It seems as though the footstones were removed at some point and then later replaced without matching names and initials. The committee will look at the problem during next week's site visit and decide how best to rectify the problem.
- Strategies to move forward with topics that are more involved, such as policy work and long-term projects. Possibility of committees to do research and make recommendations? (See list of tabled items below for reference). This discussion was brief due to lack of time, but committee members are asked to give it some thought for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is June 13, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Crapo Building.

We will not meet in May.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

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*