

Stowe Cemetery Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Approved May 21, 2024

A meeting of the Stowe Cemetery Commission was held Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 8:30 am via a Hybrid Zoom.

Members present: Donna Adams, Claire "Skeeter" Austin, Gail Kaiser, Nancy LaVanway, Judy Smith, Karin Gottlieb, Mike Lemaire

Minutes

After review with changes made, the Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Nancy, seconded by Gail.

Work Orders

Donna said she was expecting an Order for the Ayers Lot to review at the meeting but it had not arrived. There was no other correspondence to review.

Treasurer's Report

Skeeter reviewed the Financial Report with the Commission. Cemetery flags have been ordered by the Legion. Trust income was up due to the sale of corner posts and one lot in the memorial garden. Union Bank was up a little and equities up about 1.5%. Skeeter said the Commission will get an update about the account from Caren at Edward Jones during her annual review.

Remembrance Program

Skeeter said the Bowen contract had been signed and all the vendor information had been reviewed by Finance and Charles. Bowen will receive a deposit to begin the project as requested. He will start as soon as weather permits.

Dedication of New Sign Update.- The Legion ceremony will start at 11:30. Beverages and flower arrangements have been made. Remembrance Programs will be in a basket with poppies. A canopy and table have been arranged. Skeeter said notices will be put in Front Porch Forum, Stowe Reporter and invitations to certain folks will be sent. Charles will make some comments and anyone else who would like to may speak.

Cemetery Book Update – Donna searched and found boxes – 14 books of Volume One and 70 books of Volume Two. There was further discussion on what to charge for them. Donna said Karin's idea to allow the Historical Society to sell them was a good one. One Volume Two will be donated to the Library. Karin will check with the Historical Society to see if they would also want copies of Volume One. Donna will work on an updated Order Form. A price of \$20 for Volume One and Two and \$35 for the set was recommended. On a motion by Skeeter, seconded by Gail, the Commission approved the prices as stated. It was determined that no further updates of all that information contained in Volume Two had occurred since 1998. Skeeter said that is why she is trying to update the spreadsheets that Barbara was working on.

Cremation Garden Chart – There was discussion regarding the cremation garden space and a general discussion of the growth of cremations versus burials. Donna said new mapping and charting for the Memorial Garden is needed when the location of the wall is determined. There was further discussion regarding the type of wall to be installed either timber or stone.

There being no further business to conduct, Donna adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Moeck.