

**Cemetery Committee Meeting
Marlborough Senior Center
Thursday, March 21, 2024
9:00 AM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Kris Hudock called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Present and seated were: Kris Hudock, Terry Parker and Sheila Guzman.

Also present: Chris Passera, Sexton and David Porter, Town Manager

Absent: John Larensen and Joan Christmas.

Guests: Romano Ghirlanda (Marlborough Preservation Society)

Joe Walsh and Joan McMahon (Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES 1/18/24

T. Parker made a motion to accept the January 18, 2024 minutes with a correction.

Discussion: In the header change the year from 2023 to 2024.

S. Guzman seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0-0

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions to the agenda

4. SEXTON'S REPORT

a. Sales

January: 2 traditional

February: 0

b. Burials

January: 1

c. Maintenance Update

- Marlboro Cemetery cleanup scheduled for May 4, 2024 9:00 AM
- Would like the shed painted. Will ask scouts for volunteers.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Columbarium Hardscaping

\$7,000 was previously approved for hardscaping by the commission. C. Passera reported cost increases.

S. Guzman made a motion to authorize \$8,000 - \$8,500.00 for columbarium hardscaping.

T. Parker seconded the motion.

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b. Neglected Cemetery Grant

Remaining funds will be used to correct leaning and broken stones.

R. Ghirlanda asked about ground probing to unearth missing stones for identification.

c. Cemetery Gate

School Drive gate needs painting.

7. UPDATE

a. Cemetery Balances

Year to date: \$15,115.00.

Special Purpose Fund \$49.79

b. Century Cemetery

R. Ghirlanda (Marlborough Preservation Society) reported he received a quote of \$14,000.00 for the monument with 35 names proposed for Century Cemetery. A more affordable option was a marble bench with the names on a plaque. C. Passera mentioned the Congregational Church has a memorial garden that may provide other options. R. Ghirlanda to contact the church.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joan McMahon, Family Service Advisor for Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford introduced herself and Joe Walsh. She commented that they offer traditional in ground burials, cremations and mausoleum. She commented on the importance of preplanning and provided informational literature to the commission.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**S. Guzman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 A.M. T. Parker seconded.
Motion passed 3-0-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk