

CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

Committee/board: Cemetery Committee

Date of meeting: August 16, 2021 **Location of meeting:** Alumni Hall, 2nd Floor

Board/committee members in attendance: Jeff Bergeron, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Ilene Gillander, Mark Gheradi, Stephanie Quaranta, Heather Ritchie

Board/committee members absent: Starr LeCompte, Renie Zanleoni

Others in attendance:

Meeting called to order: 11:00 a.m. (Called to Order by Director Jeff Bergeron)

Reorganization of the committee: A motion was made by Mark, second Ilene to elect Giuliano as the Chairperson – motion carried. The Chairperson took over the meeting. A motion was made by Mark, second Heather to have Ilene serve as Vice-Chairperson- motion carried. Noreena Zanleoni will remain as Secretary.

Minutes June 14, 2021 meeting: A motion to approve was made by Mark, second Ilene, motion carried.

Director's Report: Jeff spoke of a proposal that he will be sending out to have cracks filled in the pavement at the cemetery. He spoke of a call pertaining to a missing monument that appears it may have been removed years ago by the manufacturer. The crew is still cleaning up from the storm. Jeff explained that the crew is very shorthanded this year and it has been difficult to find people to fill positions. They are working hard and will get everything completed. He will provide a list next month of the number of burials this past year. They will be pouring about 6 foundations in the fall and had 8 in the spring. As for the parks Currier Park is the busiest with church groups and the Concerts in the Park. The Food Truck Thursdays has been popular as well. Last week the fire department came and provided a fun spray of water to cool off the children. This was very well received. The committee supported the installation of the Martin monument that Jeff had sent out for consideration as it met the required specifications with a motion from Ilene, second Mark, motion carried.

Mark spoke about a monument that was considered for placement at Elmwood. The monument stands approximately two feet tall and displays excellent work, however it is very fragile. He noted the potential

safety options if it were placed in the cemetery. The family may also consider another option of a museum. After some discussion it was decided to not pursue the cemetery option.

At this time the dogs in the cemeteries has not created a problem. It will be monitored to make sure everything is respected and OK.

A brief discussion was held on security cameras in the cemetery. No action was taken.

An idea surfaced for a design contest for the fountain in the cemetery. Giuliano will meet with Starr pertaining to the fountain.

Illene indicated that there are 7 or 8 tours lined up for Hope Cemetery.

A motion to adjourn was made to Mark, second Heather, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50 a.m.