

# CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

**Committee/board:** Cemetery Committee

**Date of meeting:** October 18, 2021    **Location of meeting:** Alumni Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Board/committee members in attendance:** Jeff Bergeron, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Stephanie Quaranta, Heather Ritchie, Starr LeCompte, Ilene Gillander

**Board/committee members absent:** Renie Zanleoni, , Mark Gheradi,

**Others in attendance:**

Director's Report: Jeff reported that in the past month there has been 1 lot sale, 2 cremations, 2 full burials and 3 grass marker installations. He spoke of an increase in vandalism at the parks that included damage to the railing at the gazebo, damage to the park benches, etc. He mentioned that at one point someone had put up a tent. He will be removing the benches for the winter. Two part-time employees will be working until the end of the month. Hedges have been trimmed and personnel are raking leaves and mowing. One two grave monument was approved for this month.

Old Business: Discussion continued on security cameras and fences. Guiliano had reviewed some online fence options and noted the price. The discussion moved to lighting and how that might also be a good option to consider, especially at the main entrance. Starr has a lot of knowledge on lighting and the discussion will continue at a later meeting.

The removal of "trinkets" that can be found on a number of plots was discussed. Items for discussion included stuffed animals, knick-knacks, plastic toys, etc. According to the rules these items are not to be placed at the cemetery. There was a discussion pertaining to short term consideration and patience with a few monuments where someone has recently passed due to tragic circumstances. Jeff will put out a notice that all items must be removed for the winter.

A draft mission statement was included with the meeting notice. Members indicated they thought it was good, however repetitious in some areas. Giuliano will rework the mission and present it at the next meeting.

The fountain fundraising project was discussed and a possible procedure to follow for this process.

Donations will be deposited in an account within the City that will be the Hope Cemetery Memorial Fountain Fund. There was a discussion on the process for receiving designs for the fountain, etc.

Committee members thought it was a great start with more discussion at the next meeting.

Roundtable: Illene was pleased to announce there were 14 guided tours with 620 people on the tours.

The committee was appreciative of her efforts.

Next meeting November 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.- Alumni Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

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