

CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

Committee/board: Cemetery Committee

Date of meeting: September 20, 2021

Location of meeting: Alumni Hall, 2nd Floor

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

Board/committee members absent: Renie Zanleoni, Ilene Gillander

Others in attendance:

Meeting called to order: 11:03 a.m.

Director Jeff Bergeron noted that lot sales, burials/cremations have been up since the August meeting. Workers have been cleaning up the bush piles. He hopes to keep 2 of the summer workers on for a little bit longer to get more work completed before winter. Concerts in the park have gone well with no issues.

Old Business: The discussion on security cameras was brought up again at this meeting. There have been some incidences of stolen flowers as well as a discussion on a solar light. The discussion will continue as the group feels it may deter some of the problems or late night times at the cemetery. A suggestion was made that perhaps the entrances have gates that lock for the evening. The committee wants to continue to discuss this item at future meetings.

New Business: Jeff provided copies of the Cemetery Investment Policy. The committee had no questions on the policy. Chairperson Giuliano Cecchinelli wondered what the current fund balance is at this time.

Winter Meetings: Member Mark Gheradi said that the granite industry is the busiest that it has been in years. He urged the committee to begin formulating a contest or idea for the fountain replacement. There are a lot of manufacturers who will help whether it be through product, financially, etc. but everything will take time and a plan. The previous discussions on moving the fountain near the flagpole just up from the entrance continued to be popular.

Other Business: Member Starr LeCompte inquired about the sizes of markers and what was or was not allowed. Director Jeff Bergeron noted that he checks all markers first for approval. If there is a question he brings it before the committee.

Round Table: Director Jeff Bergeron mentioned that there are 13 tours scheduled for this year with most coming up in October. Committee member Illene Gillander volunteers to lead the tours and does a great job..

Mark Gherardi made a motion to adjourn, second Starr LeCompte, motion carried.

The next meeting date is October 18, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned 11:44 a.m.

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