

City of Barre
Public Body Meeting Minutes
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Committee: Cemetery and Parks

Date of special meeting: July 18, 2022

Location of Meeting: Alumni Hall, 2nd Floor

Committee Members in attendance: Guiliano Cecchinelli, , Assistant Director
Stephanie Quaranta, Ilene Gillander, Starr LeCompte, Mark Gherardi

Committee Members absent: Renie Zanleoni, Heather Ritchie, Director Bergeron

Others in attendance: New Member Helen Long

Meeting Called to order: 11:07 am by Mark Gherardi

Mark G. made a motion to elect Guiliano Cecchinelli as Chairperson of Committee. Motion was seconded by Ilene G. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Motion was made to elect Ilene Gillander as Vice-Chair. Motion was seconded and carried with unanimous support.

Motion was made to elect Starr Parnigoni LeCompte as Secretary. Motion was seconded and carried with unanimous support.

Motion Approved and seconded to accept minutes from the June 20th meeting.

Newly elected Chair Cecchinelli welcomed a new member to the Committee: Mrs. Helen Long.

Director's Report to Committee:

None was available due to the absence of Director Bergeron.

Old Business:

The Chair revisited the discussion of the columbarium design and the need for a scaling down of the design because of funding concerns from the City. More to come when the Director is present with an update.

There was a short discussion of “green burials” because they are in the news. The Chair indicated that there has been past discussion of the “cow pasture” as possible site for this type of burial.

The Chair reported that the letters were sent to the five worst offenders of the “Cemetery Rules and Regulations” on approved decorations for gravesites.

Ilene G. reported that nothing has changed since the letter went out. The Committee continues to try to find the best way to handle these violations with concern for the bereaved.

Motion was made and seconded that the Chair request that Director Bergeron instruct the Cemetery staff to proceed with the removal of the inappropriate decorations as the deadline stipulated in the letter has since passed.

Ilene G. and Starr L. wanted it noted for the record that this year’s geraniums which were hand-picked by the Director look absolutely beautiful.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am

Next scheduled meeting: August 15, 2022

Respectfully Submitted;

Starr Parnigoni LeCompte