

Halifax Cemetery Commission
DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:00 PM

Halifax Town Office, 246 Branch Road, West Halifax, VT

Or Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7814490827?pwd=bTRLMCtDdzgrR2NndWV5andxTG0vUT09>

Attendees: Linda Swanson, Gary Rand, Laurel Copeland, Patrick McAllister

CALL TO ORDER at 1:00 pm.

CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – add follow-up on the waitlist for plots (LC & LS)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – Meeting minutes from April 4, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Fulfilling requests for plots – The CC needs to walk with Cliff Inman to see available plots in Halifax Ctr (4 plots) and Hatch Cemeteries (3 plots). We need to walk Niles to lay out the new section. The bulldozed part of Hal Ctr is unknown / needs ground-penetrating radar (GPR, \$4900; person in Bennington). GR will call Cliff Inman and set up a date.

Update on the State of Cemeteries – Justin has been mowing: West Halifax, Taylor-Stacy, Hatch. Mike does Niles. PM asked that CC attend a regular SB meeting to keep them updated on the Cemetery Plan. Pennel is good. In Whitneyville we cleaned up a lot of trees already and ready for mowing; Dave Christie is willing to take the logs and chip the branches; burning the limbs would cut the cost of removing the trees in the cemetery; Sean and Dave can discuss; it would be good to get this done before the Otis event in September; we need 3 written/email bids – have 2 of 3. Halifax Center is partially cleaned up. Bascom is fine. Niles Farm was picked up, and Stafford, Scott, and Wick, too. LS & GR will attend the SB meeting on 5/16.

ARPA Funds – special SB meeting 5/20; LC will attend. (Also on 5/20 the Cem. Commission needs to dig a cremation hole.)

OLD BUSINESS

VOCA grant – the CC agreed that we could match the \$1000 using our Cemetery Fund at TD Bank.

VOCA work day – PM would like to see more publicity. Flyers in towns. LC submitted event notices to Brat. Reformer, Deerfield Valley News, and The Commons as well as Front Porch Forum. GR will submit another FPF notice in a week or two.

Managing Halifax cemeteries –

- Leveling low spot in West H Cem: GR talked to Mike; not enough fill yet; Mike will bring more before VOCA work day on June 3. Then need to order 8-10 yards of top soil. Will use left over grass seed.
- Flags for Veterans' Day – LS is handling these.

OTHER BUSINESS – none.

HEARING OF VISITORS – N/A.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:08 pm.