

Minutes Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustees

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

BOS Meeting Room, Town Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christina Madden at 6 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call:** All members present: Mel Gannon, Lauren Young, and Christina Madden.

4. **Report from the Chairman:** Chairman Madden reported on meetings with the Town of Hudson DPW Chief Jay Twardosky regarding the status of repairs the committee had requested in the cemeteries. She noted that Sunnyside Cemetery had all bushes trimmed as requested, and that the graves previously hidden by bushes are now visible. DPW also cleared the path to the Cemetery of the Unknowns/Poor Farm by cutting back the overhanging foliage. The DPW has everything we've requested written up and will get to the repairs as time permits. Jay pointed out that his department has been very busy.

Chairman Madden reported on planned Wreath Day activities in the cemeteries and the subsequent pick up of wreaths in January 2025.

Chairman Madden reported on a request from a deed holder in Sunnyside Cemetery on how to transfer the deed to two of her family members. After consultation with Leo Dumont of Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, the correct language was given to the citizen, who was very appreciative. She was also told that she would need to have the graves sites tested to be sure they had no one buried there before any interments would be allowed. Testing and interment would be at the deed holder's expense. The deed would have to be submitted to the Trustees to verify its validity. Trustees then discussed that there should be no more burials in Sunnyside unless a valid deed is produced and all expenses would be paid by the deed holder.

5. **Wall Repair Blodgett Cemetery:** The Trustees then considered the two bids for repair of the stone walls at Blodgett Cemetery. Design Works in Hudson came in with a bid of \$11,871.36. Abbott Masonry of Hudson came in with a bid of \$3,500,

which included minor repair to the back wall. Abbott had previously repaired the wall at Old Center Cemetery after a traffic mishap, and Jay said they did a very good job and are reliable. The Trustees voted 3-0 to accept Abbott Masonry's bid.

6. Open discussion: Chairman Madden mentioned that a map of Westview Cemetery on Burnham Road includes a notation of Town cemetery property in a small section of the cemetery. She will explore this further to see if that small section is actually the Town's responsibility.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.