

**Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes Sept 21, 2023**

The Cemetery Commission held its monthly Meeting on Thursday Sept 21, 2023 at 6pm in The Berlin Town Hall located on 240 Kensington Road Berlin CT-Town Managers Conference Room.

In attendance Chairman Charles Colaresi, and Steven Pastuszak Also on hand Alternate Commission Member Andra Lou Millerd, Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Bush and joining via zoom: Steve Wood (Superintendent of Public Grounds)

Excused: Commissioners Dick Benson, Riza Brown and Ed Hornkohl

Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Charles Colaresi at 600 pm
There were no citizens to address the Commission.

Chairman Colaresi requested a motion to seat alternate Commissioner Andra Millerd for excused Commission members. The motion was made by Commissioner Steven Pastuszak and seconded by Chairman Charles Colaresi. The Commission now had a quorum.

Motion to accept the minutes from August 17, 2023 meeting as submitted was made by Commissioner Andra Millerd and Seconded by Commissioner Steven Pastuszak. All were in favor.

Public Grounds Report- Chairman Colaresi turned the floor over to Steven Wood for an update. Mr Wood briefed the commission on how great the cemeteries look and advised that the move to relocate the 'name signage' from a free standing post to the fencing is helping to improve the overall appearance. There was extensive weed wacking done at Deming and Mr Wood alerted the commission that there is a Brownstone marker that is down at Ledge Cemetery. There was discussion regarding funding and payments to 'Beyond the Gravestone'. Chairman Colaresi addressed the commission, that he would reach out to Commissioner Brown who is the contact for 'Beyond', to see if there is plans to commence another project this year. As Dennison Cemetery is next to be repaired, an estimate for work there is needed to establish and fund the PO.

Additionally Mr Wood shared that a Tree at the Christian Lane Cemetery needs to be removed.

New Business- Distributed to the group was a draft pictorial presentation done by Town Clerk Kate Wall. This contained before and after photos of the work being done at the Cemeteries both by 'Beyond' and the town. The draft, though incomplete, was reviewed by the commission. It drew support from the Commission. Chairman Colaresi advised that once this photo history is completed, it will be shared with the Town Council. Chairman Colaresi noted the importance that the Council and the taxpayers to see how the commissions funding has been and is being spent.

With no further business, a **motion to adjourn** at 611pm was made by Commissioner Steve Pastuszak and seconded by Commissioner Andra Millerd.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by
Joan Veley
Recording Secretary/ Cemetery Commission

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