

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes October 19,, 2023

The Cemetery Commission held its monthly Meeting on Thursday Oct 19, 2023 at 6pm in The Berlin Town Hall located on 240 Kensington Road Berlin CT-Town Managers Conference Room.

In attendance Chairman Charles Colaresi, Commissioners Riza Brown and Steven Pastuszak . Also on hand Alternate Commission Member Andra Lou Millerd, Town Clerk Kate Wall and Steve Wood (Superintendent of Public Grounds)

Excused: Commissioners Dick Benson, and Ed Hornkohl

The meeting was called to order by chairman Charles Colaresi at 600pm.

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 Commissioner Riza Brown.

Approval of the minutes as submitted for Sept 21, 2023, was made by Commissioner Andra Millerd and seconded by Commissioner Stephen Pastuszak. All were in favor.

Old Business- Commissioner Brown has been in touch with Will from 'Beyond the gravestone' to check their interest in continuing their work at the Towns Cemeteries. Ledge Cemetery has been completed and Dennison would be next. Hoping to have an assessment done in November. Steven Wood advised the PO for services is pulled and ready to go.

New Business- Town Clerk Kate Wall addressed the Commission. As this is a municipal election year, there will be a swearing in ceremony in late November. Kate Wall is responsible for the events program and she would like to highlight the Cemetery Commission and its accomplishments on the back page. Perhaps even share before and after pictures to highlight the group's good work. The Commission was very supportive of that idea.

Additionally, as recently discussed Kate Wall has submitted to the group an overview of a presentation for the Town Council. The presentation would be at most 10 minutes and highlight the accomplishments of the Commission efforts. Hoping to have the final presentation ready for the Council January Meeting.

Lastly, the December Cemetery Commission meeting is set for December 21st. However that day the Town Hall will be closing early at 430pm. Chairman Colaresi suggested the Commission cancel the December meeting. All agreed.

Steven Wood updated the Commission as to the tree trimming at the Christian Lane Cemetery. A Black Walnut tree needs to be addressed before damage is done to the Cemetery. Unfortunately, a crane will need to be used and a strong cost will be anticipated.

Motion to adjourn at 616pm was made by Commissioner Riza Brown and scoded by Stephen Pastuszak. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by
Joan Veley
Recording Secretary/ Cemetery Commission

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kellys Jewell", written in a cursive style.

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