

Cemetery Commission Minutes

April 11th, 2024, Wilmington Public Safety Facility

ATTENDEES: Commissioners - Walter White, Richard "Kappa" Khachadorian, Donna Moore; Ralph Staib, Janet Boyd; Sextons, Todd Stewart; Guests, Architect, Eric Craven, Treasurer, Christine Richter

CALL TO ORDER: by Kappa at 4:35 p.m.; motion by Ralph and Walt and all accepted.

Veterans Memorial Park: Eric Craven provided the final plans and construction documents for the Veterans Memorial Park. Some changes included adding a flagpole and lighting which will be on a timer. Discussion regarding the sixth monument stone to be used for individuals to purchase and add names of non-Wilmington veterans. Each stone will be 28" wide by 7' high. The middle welcoming stone will add the names of those Killed in Action. A full-page newspaper ad was placed in the Deerfield Valley News with the names of WWII veterans for public comments/suggestions/corrections.

Minutes from the meeting on March 14, 2024, were read and approved with a motion by Kappa and Ralph, all approved.

Marshall Dix from the Town road department will pave the New Riverview section road (currently a gravel road) up to and including around the Remembrance Garden, approximately 700 feet. This will also include the corner near the maintenance shed which needs repaving.

Spring clean-up has begun. Pete Wimmelmann has removed seven large old maple trees in Riverview (\$10,500) which were originally planted around 1899.

Adam Buursma from Arboreal Habitats provided an estimate of \$1,780 to have six trees relocated around the parking area (2) and the remembrance garden (4) in Riverview. These trees were originally planted in New Riverview without authorization from the commission. Ralph and Walt made a motion to approve work and all accepted.

Field work clean-up has been completed by Jeremy White.

Donna will check with Cheryl Rusin, who is developing the Remembrance Garden, about including the maintenance of two flower barrels at the entrance to Riverview.

No update on water runoff in Restland Cemetery from the Monument Trail sidewalk. Ralph will reach out to Marshall Dix.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walt suggested doing a walk-thru in Restland cemetery to mark stones that need repair.

Janet suggested having meetings at different cemeteries during the spring and summer.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cemeteries will officially open April 15th.

John and Todd will schedule a time to install corner markers.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:50 p.m.