

**MINUTES OF THE NORWICH CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**May 5th, 2023**

Members Present: Dan Goulet, Wilbert "Scooter" Hardy, Emily Myers and Bonnie Munday.

- 1.) The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m in the Norwich Congregational Church Parlor room.
- 2.) Accepted bid for the tree damage at the Union Village Cemetery to Peter Guillette, Norwich VT. (Unanimous)
2. Approved the \$2,000 expenditure of funds for tree removal. (Unanimous)
3. No other business that came before the Cemetery Commissioners. Expected next meeting at end of May 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily P. Myers, Cemetery Commission member

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**April 25th, 2023**

Members Present: Dan Goulet, Wilbert "Scooter" Hardy, Emily Myers, Bonnie Munday, and guest Fred Smith Jr.

- 1.) The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m in the Norwich Congregational Church Parlor room.
- 2.) Since the last Cemetery Commission meeting on January 25th, 2023 two new members have been voted in at the March 2023 Town Meeting. Bonnie Munday is filling the 1 year position and Wilbert "Scooter" Hardy is filling the 2 year position. The 5 year position remains unfilled.
- 3.) Downed trees on Union Village Cemetery: There are several big trees that have fallen over the winter in the cemetery. These trees need to be removed and the area in the cemetery needs to be cleaned up ( to include pruning the crabapple tree). Scooter and Emily will each reach out to individual tree and landscaping companies to get quotes and availability. They will communicate their findings to the Commission and decide how to proceed.
- 4.) Broken fence at Fairview Cemetery. There are several sections of the wood fence that are in need of replacing/repairing at Fairview Cemetery. A local Eagle Scout has indicated he is interested in replacing/repairing these broken sections as his Eagle Scout Project. Emily will get in contact with him about the possibility of making the project happen.
- 5.) Corner Stones. The cost of purchasing corner stones have increase dramatically. The Commission is expecting to increase the price of the corner stones from \$140 to \$250 to cover the cost and installation. A vote on the actual price increase will happen as soon as the Commission receives the new cornerstone prices.

6.) Summer Mowing Contract. S&S Ground Maintenance (Granville, VT) plans to clean up Hillside and Union Village Cemeteries starting next week. They will start mowing these cemeteries before Memorial day. Additionally, Fred Smith Jr. had agreed to maintain the smaller cemeteries (Meeting House, Waterman Hill, Beaver Meadow and New Boston) this summer.

7.) Broken headstones. Emily will investigate the possibility of gaining grants/funds/help from the Veterans Associate to clean/repair veterans headstones. Also, the Commission will evaluate the need to repair all other broken headstone. The intent is to repair several this summer.

8.) Tree clean up in New Boston Cemetery. Scooter Hardy is willing to personally pay to remove/clean up falling trees in the New Boston cemetery. He will then donate the wood.

9.) Preserving Historic Gravesites. Nancy Osgood from the Norwich Historical Society shared the 'Discovering Our Ancestors and Preserving Historic Gravesites: Webinar Series' participation opportunity with the Commission. This webinar is free to attend and Emily hopes to attend the, "Introduction to Investigating, Documenting, and Preserving Gravesites" and "Beginning to Care for a Gravesite" in May and June.

10.) Expanding Hillside Cemetery. The Commission will start looking at the possibility and requirements to expand Hillside Cemetery. The Commissions will also start researching the possibility to include green burials in the expanded area.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily P. Myers, Cemetery Commission member