

MINUTES OF THE NORWICH CEMETERY COMMISSION

June 27, 2024

Members Present: Dan Goulet, Wilbert "Scooter" Hardy, Emily Myers, Bonnie Munday,
Guests Judy Trussell and Ellen Terie.

1.) The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at Hillside Cemetery in Norwich.

2.) Public comments. Ellen Terie shared that she attended the meeting to learn more about the Cemetery Commission.

3.) Natural Burials. Our Sexton, Fred Smith shared the status of our new natural burial plots in Hillside. Since there is only a finite amount of space for these plots at the moment, and these types of burials are much different than traditional burial, the Commission agreed on a way forward that will be published the Rules and Regs soon. The guidelines for natural burials include: Families can only buy one plot at a time, and pre-buying plots is not possible - burials will occur side by side (the most recent, immediately next to the last). Only residence on Norwich may purchase a lot. Stone markers must be flush to the ground and fit within the confines of the plot. Corner stones will mark the boundary of each plot.

4.) Lawn care review: S&S lawn care is doing a great job at both Hillside and Union Village. Bonnie will contact S&S to make sure the lawns are only being cared for every other week to help reduce the overall cost of lawn maintenance.

5.) Any other business that comes before the Cemetery Commission.

- Fred Smith showed the Commissions areas of concern that he has noticed in Hillside. The first are two trees (pine and spruce) that are growing over headstones and encroaching on other headstones. Emily will contact two local tree removal companies for quotes.
- Fred pointed out the shrubs and plants that families had planted that are in the pathways and are causing issue. Families need to insure that only plants that are noninvasive (no shrubs) are planted at the sides of the headstones (not in front or in behind).
- Fred pointed out where people cut the corners the far left road. He suggests that paving this road will help ensure people keep this road intact. The Commission will look into the price of paving this section.
- Scooter was able to get quotes for tree removal at New Boston Cemetery. These trees will need to be removed this summer before they fall and damage multiple headstones. The Commission votes unanimously to approve the quote of \$3600 for this tree removal conducted by Tracy Burn Co.

6.) No other business that comes before the Cemetery Commission.

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Respectfully submitted,

Emily P. Myers, Cemetery Commission member