

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the North Stonington Cemetery Commission
September 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM at the Wheeler Library.

Present were Diane Preston, David Fede, Paul Ames, Geoffrey Barnes, Donna Brandelli, and Rachel White.

The minutes of our last meeting were distributed to the members.

David Fede, as our Treasurer, gave us the financial report of expenditures and balances. We held an open discussion as to the projected expenses for this fiscal year. It appears that the general upkeep of the cemeteries we oversee will use up most of our budget, but we are looking into trying to get some trees, which could prove a danger, removed. David is looking into landscaping companies and/or the Town resources to accomplish this. Flags have already been purchased for the memorial Day 2023.

Donna Brandelli brought information concerning grave markers for veterans. She will try to get a sample so that, if our budget permits, we can decide on purchasing them for those graves which do not already have such markers.

We discussed the proposed DAR "Day of Service" from the Abigail Hinman Chapter of Stonington. It was decided that the cemetery to be addressed that day will be Brown 313-71. Also, Donna suggested that we ask the Hinman group to invite the Phoebe Greene Ward of Westerly to also participate.

A proposal was raised that a town-wide similar Day of Service be held the week prior to Veterans Day 2022. The group decided that there was not enough time to get this organized, but we will work towards this goal for early Spring, 2023.

The Commission is also going to ask one of our members, Mike Dibble, to give a presentation concerning the cemeteries. Mike will be contacted as to his availability and willingness to do so.

We decided to meet again on Nov. 9th, 1:30 PM, at the library to further discuss the above plans.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM

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