

North Stonington Cemetery Committee  
Minutes of Special Meeting May 6, 2019  
New Town Hall Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 1PM . All members were present.  
Diane Preston, David Fede, Paul Ames, Jeff Barnes, Mike Dibble, Bill Peterson, and Mac Gray

The primary discussion centered around placing flags on all veteran graves prior to Memorial Day. As a group, we decided to assign cemeteries to each of our members so as to be able to cover all known graves with the flags before the Memorial Day holiday.

Secondly, we discussed the need for an increased budget in the following fiscal year to allow the proper maintenance of the cemeteries.

The Chair, Diane Preston, proposed a complete survey of the town cemeteries so as to ascertain the maintenance needs of each . It is proposed that we accomplish this over the next two years . We will attempt to photograph, identify, and GPS locate as many as is possible. No definite timeline has been decided for this project .

The Treasurer, David Fede, will continue to discover how our allocated funds are dispersed through the fiscal year. He will also attempt to get a legal opinion as to the use of the certificates of deposit which are available to the committee.

A petition to the Town Selectmen concerning the possibility of a small tax abatement for citizens who have been , and will continue , taking care of the cemeteries on their property, was also discussed. A similar program is used in Westerly, R.I., whereby \$100-\$200 is credited for such care-taking.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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