

North Stonington Cemetery Commission
Special Meeting of May9,2023
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM . All members were present as well as Robert Dean, a new volunteer .

David Fede , treasurer, gave us our financial standing as of the present time. It was decided that the projected \$260.00 remaining for this financial year would be applied to the purchase of additional veteran grave markers. All were in agreement .

We next discussed the placing of flags for Memorial Day. All members, as well as Mr. Dean, were given their assignments. Flags were then distributed to each.

Next, the prospect of an iron gate for the Williams Cemetery was discussed. Diane Preston brought some information from the Etsy site , which showed that an ornamental gate is feasible and an item we could work into our next annual budget.

Mike Dibble stated that the replacement gate for the Ayers Cemetery is being worked on. A completion date is not available at this time. This work is funded through the separate account maintained for that cemetery.

We spoke of applying for grants through the state's Neglected Cemetery program, and Donna Brandelli , having had some experience with grant writing, is going to look into this. In addition, Donna, Rachel White and Diane Preston will be attempting research into two grave sites which are without gravestones, but do have GAR insignia. If we can identify the soldiers so honored, we will petition the Veterans Administration for a formal gravestone.

David assures us that all our cemeteries will be mowed and cleared, at least once, as our budget allows. He manages this onerous work every year. For which we are all very grateful !

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Diane Preston, president