

Gurley Cemetery | Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building 4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keith Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Lisa Bovee, Barry Burnham, Michael Carroll, Ryan Dunstan,

Christopher Landeck, Keith Wilson

Absent: Armand Biron

Staff: Mary Landeck (Sexton), Sara-Ann Chaine (Town Clerk)

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2020 MINUTES

Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

4. BUSINESS

A. New Member Introduction: Michael Carroll

Mr. Carroll introduced himself and the mission of his non-profit organization, Rediscovering History. Board members noted that Mr. Carroll has done a lot of great work in the Gurley Cemetery recently.

B. Discussion of Stonework in Gurley Cemetery

Mr. Carroll gave the Board of tour of the head and foot stones Rediscovering History unearthed and reset at the Gurley Cemetery.

C. Report of the Sexton

Ms. Landeck presented her written report.

D. Preservation Priorities and Funding Requests

a. Stone Repairs

The Board discussed sponsoring and overseeing stone cleaning work.

b. Gurley Cemetery Stone Walls

Ms. Landeck and Ms. Chaine will submit the request to fund the project with a sole-source contractor.

c. Gurley Cemetery Expansion

The Board discussed the limited remaining space available in the Gurley Cemetery and the future burial needs of the Town.

Mr. Burnham **moved** and Ms. Bovee seconded to recommend to the Town Council and Town Manager the expansion of the Gurley Cemetery. Motion **passed** unanimously.

d. Gurley and New Mansfield Center Grass

The Board discussed the degradation and poor quality of the grass in the Gurley and New Mansfield Center Cemetery and expressed the importance of repairing the grass in these active cemeteries. Ms. Landeck reviewed the soil test results indicating that lime was needed and will obtain a quote from the landscaper for lime application.

Mr. Burnham **moved** and Ms. Bovee seconded to recommend the Town have lime applied to the Gurley and New Mansfield Center cemeteries. Motion **passed** unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Board indicated the need for a special meeting in June.

Mr. Burnham **moved** and Mr. Wilson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Sara-Ann Chaine Town Clerk