VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION DRAFT

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF December 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Jean Luddy.

Present: Jean Luddy, Lois-Jane Tonski, Stuart Edwards, Judy Hany, Scott Brown, Cemetery Superintendent Alan West, and Cemetery Secretary, Carol Nelson

Citizen's Forum – No members of the public were present.

The minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2014 were accepted as presented upon a motion made by Stuart Edwards, seconded by Lois Tonski and unanimously voted.

Meeting Dates for 2015 – A motion was made by Judy Hany, seconded by Stuart Edwards and unanimously voted to set the 2015 regular meeting dates for the 1st Tuesday of the last month of each quarter: March 3, June 2, September 1, and December 1.

Superintendent's Report

a. **Chapel renovations – update & finances** - Five bids were received for the bell tower and west wall. The low bidder was Frank Capasso & Sons, Inc. or Northford with a bid of $15,440 for the tower and $15,000 for the west wall. The staging has been erected and work has begun. A motion was made by Lois Tonski, seconded by Judy Hany and unanimously approved to use funds from the Money Market account to cover the cost of repair of the chapel.
b. **Garden borders –** The borders have become a problem as they interfere with burials and mowing. A motion was made by Lois Tonski, seconded by Stuart Edwards and unanimously voted to accept the language proposed in the Rules and Regulations revision, "Urns and borders around the flower beds must be preapproved by the superintendent."
c. **Elmwood Entry Sign** Damage - The sign was a victim of a hit and run. No police report was filed. During the winter the legs will be rebuilt and the top reshingled.
d. **Financial annual report – FY13-14 –** Copies of the annual financial report were distributed.
e. **Gifting of the Henry Building Rental Ledgers 1922-1967 to the Vernon Historical Society** A motion was made by Judy Hany, seconded by Stuart Edwards and unanimously voted that the Vernon Cemetery Commission hereby gives, donates and bestows and sets over to the Vernon Historical Society, Inc., Vernon CT, the three financial ledgers, 1922-1967, of the rentals of the Henry Building, 8 Park Place. These are to be used or disposed of by the Vernon Historical Society, Inc. at its unrestricted discretion. We hereby waive all present or future rights in, to or over said journals, their use or disposition.
f. **Rules and Regulations review & revision** – Copies of the suggested revision were distributed. At the March meeting changes will be further discussed and approved with a new printing planned for the spring.
g. **Wreaths Across America –** Saturday, December 13, 2014, 12:00 NOON. – Plans are underway for this second year of this program. Members were encouraged to attend.

Any Other Business

h. **Fyler, Sec.** H, Lot 27 – This lot was dug in the presence of Phil Pietras funeral director. It was determined that both graves are vacant. Through further research on the family of Adam Kermish, it was determined that the likely location of this burial is Sec. H, Lot 54, the Maynard lot. Mr. Kermish was the husband of Maynard's first wife. The Maynard lot is also the 27th lot from Hale Street in this section. This has been noted in the records and Mr. Fyler has been informed that his lot has the two vacant graves should he wish to use them.

i. **Monument style –** Louise Derby was informed that her horse monument for the single grave lot was not approved by the Commission. As she had already purchased the monument, she requested a refund of the amount paid for the lot and this was granted. She will find another cemetery that will accept this monument.

j. **Discussion of Old Family Lots & Green burials –** The right of decent was discussed. This is a very difficult matter that often involves court approval and genealogical work to identify all parties that have an interest in the lot. Green burials are not permitted in the Vernon Cemeteries at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m. with a motion made by Lois Tonski and seconded by Scott Brown.

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Approved: