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Approved December 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Vernon Cemetery Commission was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Jean Luddy at the Cemetery Office at Grove Hill Cemetery. Members present were Jean Luddy, Stuart Edwards, and Norine Edwards. Absent were Lois-Jane Tonski and Judy Hany. Also present were Superintendent Alan West and Secretary Carol Nelson.

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

Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of December 5, 2017 – A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Employee Status – The Cemetery Maintainer is retiring at the beginning of July. The job was posted with applications to be reviewed and interviews scheduled. Two seasonal employees returned on May 14.
- b. Spring Cleanup Report – The work went well with the staff removing the winter decorations and preparing for the spring season. Foundations have been poured for new monuments.

Unfinished Business

- a. Veterans Memorial Walkway – Fourteen bricks have been installed, eight large and six small. Orders have been received for seven additional, four large and three small. Engraving will be ordered next week. Monies received to date: \$ 1,650. Expenses: \$1,068.07.

New Business –

- a. Fence at Dobsonville Cemetery – The fence was hit by a car over the winter with considerable damage. The section was removed. The Commission was requested to view the site to recommend complete removal of the chainlink fence or its repair. The boulders would stay in place.
- b. David Allis headstone at Bamforth Cemetery – The broken colonial error headstone has mysteriously appeared in the rear patio of a Vernon Center residence. It is not repairable with options of either placing it flush with ground level into concrete or replacing the monument. Research on David Allis is being done by John Roe and Carol Nelson. His importance to the founding of Vernon Congregational Church and his leadership in town affairs suggests that the grave needs to be marked. A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously voted to remove the headstone from the patio and store it at Grove Hill

Cemetery until the next step can be determined. John Roe will be invited to attend the September meeting.

Any Other Business – The Sons of Union Veterans dedicated the restored Charles Dart headstone and held its Memorial Day grave markings including the Charles Burpee monument. Norine and Stu Edwards attended and were able to take some photos of the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. with a motion made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Stu Edwards.

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Carol S. Nelson

Cemetery Secretary