

# *Town of Canandaigua*

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## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM

### **MEETING REPORT**

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**MEETING CALLED BY:** Leif HerrGesell, Town Historian  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** To Be Determined  
**STAFF MEMBERS:** Karen DeMay, Town Board Member  
Kate Silverstrim-Jensen, Staff Liaison  
Terry Fennelly, Town Board Member  
**GUESTS:** Dennis Brewer      Dave York      Judy York  
Doug Stone      Mary Schneiter (R)  
(R) notates remote participants.

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Mr. HerrGesell opened the meeting at 10:00AM, greeting everyone, leading the pledge of allegiance, and introducing those in attendance.

Ms. Silverstrim-Jensen reviewed zoom reminders, then read the local law titled Chapter 45: Cemeteries and Monuments, Article 1: Cemetery Committee. She noted that the original version of this chapter had three articles, but the third was taken out before adoption because it governed how the town cemeteries could be used for public events, with the idea that the newly formed committee would be tasked with establishing that section in the future.

Mr. HerrGesell reviewed a PowerPoint presentation including an overview of town cemeteries and locations, some current challenges facing preservation and maintenance, noting the task of caring for Veteran gravesites, and a brief review of the committee's 2022 budgetary appropriations and available resources.

All in attendance discussed their desires and capacity to be involved with the committee and the following proposal was introduced:

Appointments: Karen DeMay, term ending 12/31/2022, Chairperson  
Doug Stone, term ending 12/31/2023  
Judy York, term ending 12/31/2024  
Jim Johnson, term ending 12/31/2025  
Dave York, term ending 12/31/2026

Meeting Schedule: Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 9AM  
Noted: July meeting will be Tuesday, July 5 @ 9AM

Ms. Schneiter expressed her desire to help with volunteer coordination and communications.

Mr. Brewer expressed his desire to share his experience and knowledge as the Town's previous Director of Parks and Recreation, as well as to share information between the committee and the Tree Team, which he currently chairs.

This proposal was approved on motion of Mr. York, seconded by Mr. Brewer. All approved.

Mr. Brewer invited everyone to attend the Tree Team's next event on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. They will be touring several of the town cemeteries and the Peanut Line trail to identify trees in need of maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17AM.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2022, 9 AM