

Town of Canandaigua

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Monday, July 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM

MEETING REPORT

MEETING CALLED BY: Karen DeMay, Chairperson, Town Board Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dave York Judy York Dennis Brewer
Mary Schneiter Ray Henry

STAFF MEMBERS: Kate Silverstrim-Jensen, Staff Liaison
Sam Moore, Parks Department

GUESTS: Richard West, History Team Donna West, History Team
(R) notates remote participants.

Cemetery Tour – Participants met at 9:00AM and traveled to Cooley Cemetery on Cooley Road first. The boundary is marked by a metal fence overgrown with hedges and not fully encircling the site. There is minor tree work to be done here, mostly the removal of branches, but no trees need to be taken down at this time. It was noted at this location that many headstones have been damaged or are missing altogether. The use of ground penetrating radar (GPR) would be the only way to map this cemetery site.

The group then traveled to Tilton Cemetery on New Michigan Road. There are 3 locust trees marked for removal and an Ash tree that has recently died which all need to be addressed this year. Discussion of removing just the tree and not the stump due to the proximity to gravesites. Sections of the fencing are missing. Headstones are in generally good shape, just a few need repairs at this time.

Next participants traveled to Sandhill Cemetery on Emerson Road. Fencing around this site was limited or very overgrown into the hedgerow. The Tree Team prioritized this site for removal of Tree of Heaven which is prominent along the northwest hedge row, as well as poison ivy and other brush that is growing into an ancient French Lilac. In order to ensure this landscape work is completed this year, the Cemetery Committee is willing to contribute a portion of their budget. A motion was made by Judy York to contribute up to \$2,000.00 from the cemetery budget for tree and brush removal at Sandhill Cemetery. Seconded by Karen DeMay. All approved, motion carried.

Additionally, the group received notice from Jim Johnson that he cannot commit to attending all of the meetings, so he wishes to resign as a member but remain in contact as a consultant. A motion was made by Karen DeMay to appoint Mary Schneiter to the committee member position vacated by Mr. Johnson. Judy York seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

Lastly, the group visited Hunn Cemetery at the intersection of County Road 32 and Woolhouse Road. There have been recent investments into the fencing and headstones at this site, as well as the installation of a flagpole, and a bench in memory of past parks employee, Gordy Crosby. Minor tree work is needed to address a Hickory Tree that has hollowed out and an Oak tree which are located somewhat centrally. It was noted that the recent improvements make this site more welcoming and appealing to guests which creates opportunities for educational programs and other events that can bring awareness to its history.

The group will meet again on Monday, July 11 at 9AM to visit the three remaining sites - Academy, Lucas, and Remington Root.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM

Next Meeting: July 11, 2022, 9:00AM