

Town of Canandaigua

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Monday, December 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM

MEETING REPORT

MEETING CALLED BY: Karen DeMay, Chairperson, Town Board Member
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mary Schneiter (R) Ray Henry, Former Town Historian
Dennis Brewer
STAFF MEMBERS: Kate Silverstrim-Jensen, Staff Liaison
GUESTS:

(R) notates remote participants.

The meeting was opened at 9:05 AM by Chairperson, Karen DeMay. The November 11 clean-up was cancelled due to the weather. We will have to wait until spring now that winter has arrived.

The group discussed our meeting day and time for 2023. Monday seems to work but there was some conversation of changing the time. Kate will put together an online poll with time options, please respond with the best time for you so we can determine what works best for the majority.

The committee received a request from Richard West regarding ordering row signs for Academy Cemetery. The West's have finished mapping the cemetery and would like to publish a brochure to help visitors locate gravesites. They have asked the cemetery committee to consider ordering aluminum signs to mark each row. An initial quote came in at \$1,885.00. Everyone unanimously agreed to honor this request and place the order, spending up to \$2,000 on the signs, in case there is a charge for shipping & handling. Kate will place the order.

The group discussed plans for 2023. These include: cleaning up the landscaping at Sandhill in early spring, installing a split-rail fence at Sandhill, Cooley, or New Michigan cemeteries in late spring, hiring Ellison Conservation to complete restoration work (to be identified by the Town Historian and Peter Ellison, with approval by the committee), inviting the Pine Bank Cemetery Association and other groups or committees to meet to discuss projects and ideas, scheduling a headstone clean-up volunteer day (preferably before the planned dedication event), and a fun/educational remembrance event highlighting prominent veterans buried in some of the town's cemeteries.

Town Historian was not present to give an update at this time.

With some members traveling south for the winter weather months, and little to do during that time, the group agreed to cancel our January and February meetings. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 6. Time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM.

The next regularly scheduled committee meeting will be on Monday, March 6. Please respond to the online poll so that we can determine the best meeting time.