

VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

OPENING CEREMONIES BY: Gary Laweryson (Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag)

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken as follows:

PRESENT - Gary Laweryson, Mike Clark, Arthur Roy, David Richmond, Kelley Wynne, Charles Bennett, Marvin Woodbury, William Henshaw, Mike Murphy and Peter Ogden  
EXCUSED ABSENCE - General Libby UNEXCUSED ABSENCE -

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (date) as read. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Clark

Mike handed out and discussed his report with the members. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurers report as read. Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDANTS REPORT: David Richmond

Project Updates:

- 1) Dave reported he got a cost estimate of \$23,528.00 from Blane Casey Construction for the courtyard and walkway near the new niche walls at Civic Center Drive. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$24,000.00 for this project. Motion passed.
- 2) The cemetery in Caribou is planning an Avenue of Flags.
- 3) The cemetery in Springvale is scheduled for "substantial completion" of most of the cemetery by August 2. Completion by September 3rd or 4th. A Manager and seasonal Equipment Operator is to be hired and the VA approved six (6) columbarium niche walls. Also, a tentative date for Opening Ceremonies at the cemetery was set for August 17, 2010.
- 4) A Federal Grant for \$424,000.00 is being applied for to maintenance of 11,000 headstones at Civic Center Drive that still need to be fixed.

BUREAU DIRECTOR: Peter Ogden

Peter informed the members that he will try to get a meeting of the Cemetery Workgroup soon. He would like to group to look into the following issues:

- 1) moving deceased from one cemetery to another - how will this be done?
- 2) adding solar panels to the roof of the chapel at Civic Center Drive.
- 3) New inurnments in the new niche walls at Civic Center Drive.

CHAIRMAN: Gary Laweryson

No report.

FUNDRAISING: Marvin Woodbury

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made and seconded to amend the current By-Laws to read as follows:

Article 5, Section 3: Special Meetings may be called by the Chairman or at the request of at least four Members of the Association and one officer.

The purpose of the meeting must be stated in The Call. Except in cases of emergency, at least five days notice shall be given.

Article 5, Section 4: Five members of this Association, including one officer, shall constitute a quorum.

Motion passed.

Gary would like to look through our old minutes to see if there are any outstanding issues that still need to be addressed. Whether its issues needing to be finalized or things we need to change.

Peter expressed the need of a letter to Michael Michaud addressing why we need more Federal funds than the southern part of the United States. We currently get the same amount of funds.

A motion was made and seconded to close one account at Kennebec Savings Bank in the amount of \$44,000.00 and move the funds into the checking account.

Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to elect officers of the association as follows: Gary E. Laweryson, Chairman, Charles H. Bennett, Vice chairman, Mike Clark, Treasurer and Mike Murphy, Secretary. Motion passed.

Next meeting to be held on September 7th at 9:00 AM at the VFW in Augusta.

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Michael Murphy, Secretary