Minutes of the June 3, 2026, Town of St. George Cemetery Committee Meeting

Present: Bill Torpey, Patti St. Clair, Susan Murphy, Christa Elwell

Dereck Jay by Zoom

Also Present: Dawn Gauthier, Rob Beguelin, Tammy Willy

The meeting was called to order by Patti at 4:30 at Town Hall

The minutes of the May 6th meeting were approved as corrected

The following changes were made to the Committee:

Patty St. Clair signed up for another three year term as Chair of the Committee

Joline Godfrey signed up for another three year term with the Committee

Dereck Jay has changed from an alternate to a full time member of the Committee replacing Randy Elwell

Christa Elwell joined the Committee as an alternate

We are currently seeking one more alternate candidate

Bill brought us up to speed on veteran flags at Ridge Cemetery

He noted that through volunteer efforts including himself and Susan Murphy, and others the number of known Veterans at Ridge Cemetery has grown from approximately 160 to 191

There are 198 veterans in Seaside, 15 in Clarke Hill. It is unclear exactly how many are at Wiley's Corner Cemetery

Susan Murphy mentioned that there are a few graves currently encumbered by overgrown bushes at Seaside.

Dawn is aware of the situation but must be careful in cutting back the bushes so as to not disturb the grave sites.

Dawn has been in touch with Amanda in Warren about her progress on setting up green burials there. There is a lot of work to do to be able to make a proposal for green burials. Rob is to look into the Land Use regulations as they may apply.

Dawn reported that a new flagpole has been ordered with a solar powered light. It should be installed by July 10th

Dawn has learned that the Seaside sign is aluminum which will require a different painting method.

Dawn is working with the Town to temporarily reset the existing gates so that they work and paint them black. Rob is to contact Noah Bly about the cost of new gates

Susan Murphy had a question about the Earnest Rawley trust the town administers on behalf of six grave sites in Seaside. She will follow up with Irene in the Town Office

The meeting adjourned at 5:50