Three Boards Form Cemetery Maintenance Finance Committee

AMHERST - The Amherst Board of Selectmen (BOS), along with the Cemetery Trustees and the Trustees of the Trust Funds, wish to update the methods and processes by which cemetery maintenance is funded and supported throughout the town. To that end, they have agreed that the BOS should launch a seven-person committee to review various categories related to this topic and offer recommendations to the BOS and to the trustees for their consideration as independent governmental units that operate under different sets of RSA's.

The categories encompass:

- **Regulations – Gaining clarity about, and adherence to, legal requirements regarding the management and disbursement of related trusts. This effort would focus on understanding the purposes, uses of, status, forms of disbursement, and appropriate strategies for managing cemetery trusts – particularly the Putnam, Wilkins, Other, Perpetual Care, and the Cemetery Lots Maintenance Trusts.**
- **Processes – Upgrading and adhering to processes related to the "sale" of plots, burial expense tracking and reimbursement, and the financial management of revenue and expense streams associated with cemetery maintenance. This would include, but not be limited to:**
  - **A review of, and recommendations for, ways to handle finances associated with the granting of rights to inter (including pricing and the split between cemetery trust funds and the town's general fund).**
  - **Procedures by which Cambridge Trust deposits inflowing funds into appropriate trust and general fund accounts, as well as procedures by which those funds are disbursed.**
  - **Managing finances related to the cost of burials.**
  - **Tracking, apportioning, vouchering, and reimbursing the town for cemetery maintenance.**
- **Financial Reconciliation – For identified situations where monies have not been billed, paid, or deposited in proper accounts, to reconcile and correct these variances for whatever period is deemed appropriate.**

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The seven-person committee will include a representative from the BOS, Cemetery Trustees, and Trustees of the Trust Funds; the Amherst Finance Director; and three Amherst citizens appointed by the selectmen. Committee members will be able to access local and state legal counsel per the approval of the BOS Chair or Town Administrator.

The BOS hopes to have the committee launched in April with the intent of having the committee present its recommendations before summer.

Any citizen wishing to be considered for a role on the committee should contact Town Administrator Jim O'Mara at jomara@amherst-nh.gov no later than April 11, 2014. Appointments will be made by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Monday April 14, 2014.

People in the News

Amherst Resident Nominated for EMMY Television Award

Kristin Leffler

ITHACA COLLEGE, NY – Kristin Leffler, SHS 2010 graduate, Amherst resident and current Ithaca College senior, has been nominated for a 2014 College Television Award EMMY for her documentary film, *"Following Flame"*. The College Television Awards is a program of The Academy of Arts and Sciences Foundation of Los Angeles, CA and is a national competition recognizing excellence in college student produced video, digital and film work. (emmysfoundation.org)

Each year, the Academy receives entries from hundreds of colleges and universities nationwide. Winners are honored with a personalized trophy at a gala in Los Angeles; receive cash awards, industry recognition and the opportunity to network with top television executives. Entries are judged online by members of the Television Academy who are professionals working in each respective discipline. As with the Primetime Emmy® Awards, entries are awarded based on excellence in overall production.

Kristin's documentary short, "Following Flame", is about the Rock Band, FLAME, which is made up of adults with disabilities and are based in upstate New York. It is a moving piece, which highlights their abilities, struggles, talent and passion.

The Awards Gala will take place at the end of April in downtown Los Angeles, CA where the nominees from all genres will gather and the winners will be announced.

Kristin, a journalist and documentarian, will graduate in May from Ithaca College, NY. Kristin is the daughter of Maryann Cocca-Leffler and Eric Leffler of Amherst and sister of Janine Leffler of Nashua.

Amherst Police Officer Kevin Kelly helped the Police Team win with a goal and an assist.

Amherst Police Officer Skates for CHaD

Police officer and fire fighter hockey players from all parts of New Hampshire brought in a record breaking crowd of nearly 6,900 attendees to the Verizon Wireless Arena on Saturday, March 1st, for the 7th Annual CHaD Battle of the Badges Hockey Championship to benefit the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD). Fans, families, young CHaD patients and hockey enthusiasts filled Verizon's arena to cheer on teams Fire and Police in what has become a staple New Hampshire sporting and charity event.

The Amherst Police Department's Officer Kevin Kelly skated for his fifth year in the event, and with a goal and an assist helped Team Police defeat Team Fire in a 5-4 victory. In the weeks leading up to the game, Officer Kelly worked diligently to help raise pledge donations toward the event. In all, Officer Kelly's efforts placed him among the Top Ten Individual Fundraisers with a total of nearly $3,000 raised, bringing his five year total to well over $10,000.

Since the game's inception in 2008, Battle of the Badges donations have raised $1.2 million for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Through generous financial contributions of donors, sponsors, and dedicated fundraising by volunteer players, the event brought in $233,000 at the March 1st game, making Saturday's game the top Badges fundraiser to date.

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