

# VCA Meeting Minutes

## Thursday, May 9th, 2019

### Montpelier Elks Country Club

91 members in attendance (53 Associations represented)

Meeting called to order at 9:20 am by Patrick Healy.

Secretary's Report – Minutes of the Spring Meeting, 5/2/18, had been e-mailed to the membership in advance. No discussion. **Motion by Elliott Morse to accept as presented. Seconded by Wanda Morin. Passed.**

Treasurer's Report – Beginning balance of \$9,123 – 66 memberships to date – after expenses of this event, anticipated balance of \$8,943.15

**Motion to accept as presented by Wayne Langlais. Seconded by Gerry Griffin. Passed.**

Apologies for the sound system troubles throughout the two presentations.

#### Presentation : 9a – 12p – James Barlow, Attorney

Providing a general understanding of the state statutes:

- 1) Ownership
- 2) Closing of a cemetery or Selling to another Entity
- 3) Conflicts of Interest
- 4) Liability
- 5) How to Setup Rules and Regulations
- 6) Recordkeeping

Handout entitled "Digging a Little Deeper": Answers to your 17 Completely Fascinating, Thought Provoking and Previously Unanswered Questions about the Existence of the Universe (and Vermont Cemetery Law)

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#### Presentation : 1p – 2p – Deb Belcher – Find A Grave - <http://www.findagrave.com>

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Find a Grave is a free internet service to look for burial and other final disposition information for your family, friends and famous people. The site provides tools that let people from all over the world work together, share information and build an online, virtual cemetery experience.

Though free, the site does show advertisements. Consider adding ad block software, to your browser.

People can register, become members and become contributors of information.

One can search for graves, cemeteries and create memorials. Memorials can show photos, remembrances, inscriptions of gravestones, biographies and other links to family members.

The demonstration was very interesting enabling one to find information not always available in our local town clerks' offices.

Thank you to the Elks Country Club for sponsoring and providing a delicious luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jane Paine*