



*Town of Ware
Cemetery Commission
99 Pleasant Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, April 12, 2023**

Location: Town Hall
Present: Craig Simmons, Paul Harper, Roy Erickson, John Piechota

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Minutes

HARPER: Motion to approve the minutes of the February and March meetings of the Cemetery Commission.

ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

Organization of the Board of Directors of the Cemetery Commission

ERICKSON: Motion to keep the current Board of Directors in place.

HARPER: Second
All were in favor

Budget, DPW Employee

Interviews will be conducted by the DPW with John Piechota sitting in on the interviews.

Per Paul Harper's request, Tracy Meehan joined the meeting to discuss the purpose and use of the Cemetery Revolving Account. Namely it's easier to pay for ordinary expenses which are directly related to fees collected. Paul's concern is that there is money in that account that could be used for other needs. Tracy explained that if money is taken out of the Revolving Account it could be put in the "General Fund" as free cash and any Department could make use of the money. If the Cemetery needed funds, then there would have to be a request at a Town Meeting.

Memorial Day Flowers

Craig Simmons will get in touch with Tracie to get the cost of flowers for Aspen Grove, which are all paid out of the various Trust Funds. Craig will have the information for the next meeting in May.

Updates from John Piechota

The new DPW employee will be full time and will share the position with the Park and the Cemetery under John’s supervision.

John asked if the Commission wants more trees. Paul will take the lead and contact the new person in charge.

There were two burials last week. The Saturday cremation will come out of the Revolving Account.

John is working on getting the Cemetery presentable.

Wreaths Across America

The proposal is to have wreaths on all of the Vet markers at Christmas time in all of the cemeteries in Town. Roy will get information from Jeff Kurnarz regarding fund raising. It was suggested to put a booth at the Carnival to collect donations. It would be good PR for Aspen Grove and show that the Cemetery Commission is active.

New Business

Swistak will grind stumps when there is someone at the Cemetery.

There being no further business, Paul Harper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm.

The next meeting will be in May 24, 2023 at Aspen Grove Cemetery Office.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons_____

Paul Harper_____

Roy Erickson_____

