



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, February 14, 2022**

Location: Town Hall
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, Roy Erickson, John Piechota, Stuart Beckley, Chuck Nieczdicki

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Minutes

BULLOCK: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2022 meeting
ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

DPW

Chuck Niedzwiecki attended the meeting to discuss some items that need attention in Aspen Grove Cemetery. He agreed to have the DPW look into chopping or grinding stumps; work on sections of the road that need attention; work on the area across from the Memorial Garden; work on other trees that can be done by the DPW. He noted that getting equipment to take down big trees would be very expensive. He will also look for the granite that was hit by the plow so it can be used at the Cemetery.

Finance

There was a discussion regarding the Revolving Account and how money could be diverted into another account in order to be used to pay for Cemetery items. John mentioned that the Revolving Account is not functioning. Stuart will speak with Tracey for advice on how to proceed with either moving money into the General Fund or setting up a line item for the Town Meeting.

Stone Preservation Workshop

ERICKSON: Motion to hold the stone cleaning workshop on June 11 with a rain date of June 12.
BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor.

Craig will contact Ms. Conde to advise her of the dates.

Tree Warden

Craig contacted the Tree Warden who would like to have a meeting at Aspen Grove in order to be able to look at the trees. The next meeting will be held at the Aspen Grove Office.

Updates from John Piechota

- There were two burials. The one in Section R was a challenge due to the amount of water.
- When able , the Crew is working on brush.
- Brush burning next week
- Crew is able to do plowing on their own
- Trash dumping a problem

Part Time Employee

Craig asked if the part timer is returning. If not, an ad is needed to be placed in the Ware River News. It was suggested that ads can be on Facebook, and other social media. Craig will ask Ian if he plans to come back.

John brought up the issue of meeting the minimum wage requirement.

ERICKSON: Motion to increase Nancy Dunn’s wage to \$15.00 an hour to be taken from the Reed Fund.

BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor

New Business

Roy mentioned his concerns that all correspondence needs to be addressed by all Commissioners before responding. All agreed and will be handled correctly going forward.

Julie handed out copies of the revised “Rules and Regulations”. A copy will be provided to Stuart Beckley for his review and then forwarded to an attorney to review as well.

Julie mentioned her concern regarding the path from the Rowan’s property up to the Cemetery behind the Meeting House.

There being no further business, Julie Bullock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20

The next meeting will be on March 21, 2022 at the Aspen Grove Cemetery office.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Roy Erickson _____

