



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, May 16, 2022**

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Organization of the Commission

- Chairman: Craig Simmons
- Veterans Liaison: Roy Erickson
- Secretary Treasurer: Paul Harper

Minutes

ERICKSON: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2022 and April 25, 2022 meetings

HARPER: Second
All were in favor

Flowers

Flowers for Memorial Day have been ordered. Paul and Craig will arrive at the Cemetery early to pick up trash.

Stone Cleaning

The Stone Cleaning Workshop will take place on June 11th with a rain date of June 12th. Cleaning session will begin at 10:00 am and continue for 5 hours. Roy has posted an advertisement on Facebook. Tracy Meehan, Town Accountant, will require a bill and will pay for the Workshop via the Ware Cultural Account. Craig mentioned that the Boy Scouts will clean stones at the Veterans Park this Saturday. Roy mentioned his concerns that anyone cleaning stones may only do their own. It will be mentioned at the workshop.

Donations

There was a discussion regarding donations from Cura Leaf (cannabis). Donations may not be directly donated to anything that will impact Seniors or Youth. However, donations may be made to organizations such as Workshop 13.

Fountain Repair

Paul Harper suggested that the fountain up on the hill is not visible from the street and perhaps it could be replaced with a monument or benches and used as a reflecting area. Later on, in the meeting the Commissioners walked up to the fountain and decided that they will need a plan to either scrap it or relocate it and not to rush to get rid of it.

Section O

Paul reported that 8 shrubs will be delivered on Tuesday from Five Star Gardens. The arborist indicated that the trees will be planted before Memorial Day.

Stump Grinding

There was a discussion regarding stumps in the triangle that need to be ground.

HARPER: Motion to spend \$1K to grind stumps
ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor.

There was further discussion regarding planting grass where the stumps are removed and wait for a few years before planting trees.

Rules and Regulations

Craig mentioned amending grave stone rubbing and cleaning to say it is permissible by the owner only under supervision and prior consent from the Cemetery Commission.

Updates from John Piechota

John received a request for a letter from the Cemetery Commission with a copy of our price list for grave openings and interments.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm.

The next meeting will be on June 13 , 2022 at the Aspen Grove Cemetery Office.

Recorder
Nancy Dunn

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Paul Harper _____

Roy Erickson _____

