



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, March 21, 2022**

Location: Town Hall
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, Roy Erickson, John Piechota
Guest: Tree Warden, Josh Kusnierz

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Minutes

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

Tree Warden

Josh Kusnierz attended the meeting to discuss the species of trees that would be suitable for planting in Aspen Grove Cemetery taking into consideration sun, soil, space, maintenance, attractiveness, interference with burial sites, and potential height. Josh will meet with the Cemetery Commissioners on April 8th to take a walk through the Cemetery.

Furnace

The furnace at the Cemetery office will cost about \$6,500 and will be paid from the DPW "green funds".

Planning for Season

ERICKSON: Motion to hire Ian Adams at \$15.00/hr. starting April 4st.
BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor.

SIMMONS: Motion to pay Ian Adams a total of \$5,000 from the Reed Trust and \$5,000 from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

There was a discussion regarding Internet service at the Cemetery Office. Roy Erickson will contact Stuart Beckley to begin the process.

Stone Cleaning

June 11th is set for stone cleaning with June 12th as the rain date. It will be advertised as coming from the Ware Cultural Council Grant. A space for cleaning will be determined during the walk through with Josh. In addition, there will be a need for parking spaces. Roy will put an something on Facebook and provide contact information. In addition, there will be ad in the Ware River News. Roy will draft an announcement and send to the Commissioners for their review.

Updates from John Piechota

The DPW is doing tree work and will probably hire out the large oaks to a contractor. Cut trees will be stock piled at Robbins Road. The crew is working on cleaning up brush. There has been an increase in cremations without using Funeral Homes. There was a discussion regarding the Cemetery Commission providing urns and greens for services which could generate fees.

Rules and Regulations

Julie Bullock sent the Rules and Regulations to Stuart Beckley. Craig saw some things to change, but these would not have any on the attorney review.

here being no further business, Julie Bullock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm.

The next meeting will be on April 25, 2022 at the Aspen Grove Cemetery office.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Roy Erickson _____