



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, October 31, 2022**

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Minutes

ERICKSON: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting

HARPER: Second
All were in favor

Finance

Paul reviewed the current financial statement.

SHRAB Grant

It was suggested to apply for a SHRAB grant to work on the Civil War markers. There was a discussion of the going rate of \$1200 for every 8 markers. Craig will get in contact with Ed's Landscaping to inquire about his fees.

Shrubs

Paul mentioned his concern regarding timing of planting when John Piechota is available so that the shrubs doesn't die. There was a discussion of what areas in the Cemetery need shrubs, i.e., the area in the front and have it done by Memorial Day. Paul will take a look in the Cemetery and see what areas need shrubs.

Paul reported that the tree and shrub work in Section O is completed.

Budget Planning

Craig asked the Commission for suggestions to include in the budget:

- Part time employee
- SHRAB grant (Town to put up the difference)
- Stipend for John Piechota
- Secretary salary

There was continued discussion regarding the Cemetery portion of the DPW budget. Craig will set up a meeting with Stuart Beckley and Chuck Niedzwiecki to discuss budget items for next year.

Craig suggested raising rates for burials, etc. John suggested getting information from other cemeteries regarding their rates and fees for a discussion at the next meeting.

Craig would like to turn a Section on Greenwich Road into a walking trail. Gilbert gave the land to be used for conservation and not for burials. The current cart trail is overgrown. Parking could be an issue.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm.

The next meeting will be on December 5 , 2022 at the Town Hall.

Recorder
Nancy Dunn

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Paul Harper _____

Roy Erickson _____