



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, September 19, 2022**

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Minutes

HARPER: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting
ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

Guests

Craig introduced Rob Watchilla, Planning Director and Jay Mooray, Grants Coordinator to discuss possible grants for improvements at Aspen Grove Cemetery. The Commission provided some possible needs:

- Roads are in poor shape
- Improvement to building behind Cemetery Office
- Improvements to last area for full burials, Section O
- Fountain

There was continued discussion. Rob Watchilla pointed out that in order to obtain a grant, it must be shown as a benefit to the community. He asked that the Commission provide him with information that needs grant money and he will look into funding.

Paul Harper Updates

Paul reported that the stumps have been grounded and the invoice has been paid. A check for monument cleaning was sent on August 4th.

Two shrubs were not planted and have since died. EQLT is trying to get back to Aspen Grove in the Fall to plant 2 or 3 more trees.

Finance

Aspen Grove Perpetual Care Balance:	\$21,164
Revolving Account:	\$17,957
Sale of Lots:	\$ 7,964

Wage for part time employee taken out of the Reed Trust and Perpetual Care at \$15.00/hr.

Roy suggested getting together a one-day program for a group of people do to work at the Cemetery.

Updates from John Piechota

There was a fire in the Cemetery

Charter Revisions

John has not heard anything about the Charter revisions from the DPW

Old Documents

Craig Simmons shared several old documents he had found on E-bay, namely an Aspen Grove deed which needs be transferred to the Town of Ware.

SIMMONS: Motion to transfer Jesse Packard Deed, Section R, Lot 127, to the Town of Ware.

HARPER: Second
All were in favor

Craig will take care of attaching a note to deed card in the Cemetery Office.

MISC.

Paul Harper asked about holding another stone cleaning workshop. All agreed not to hold one now. Craig Simmons will write to Ms. Conde and thank her for the stone cleaning event.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on October 17 , 2022 at the Town Hall.

Recorder
Nancy Dunn

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Paul Harper _____

Roy Erickson _____

