



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MONDAY, September 10, 2018**

Location: Town Hall, Ware, MA
Time: 3:15 pm
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, John Piechota, Ryan Maslak

SIMMONS Motion to approve the minutes of the July 2018 meeting
MASLAK Second
All were in favor.

Finance

According to Tracy Meehan, Town Accountant, the money to pay Paul St. Pierre will run out in October. Craig did some figuring and it was determined that it will require \$2,094.75 to pay Paul through the end of the year.

BULLOCK Motion to appropriate \$2,100.00 from the Aspen Grove Perpetual Care Account to pay Paul St. Pierre until December 8, weather permitting.
MASLAK Second
All were in favor

Updates from John Piechota

- Planting at Memorial Garden # 1 including shrubs and perennials is complete
- Shrubs along Aspen Gun Club purchased
- Section markers completed
- Rotted timbers have been removed
- Working on trimming and mowing
- Seeding up on hill
- First round of Veteran's marker are done

John will use cement to repair the ramp,

John will use funds from the Revolving Account to purchase a load of loam and a load of stone dust for foundations.

John reported that the current generator is very old and is looking into purchasing a new one in order to mix cement.

John would like to create a compost pile for use in filling in grave depressions and places that need planting.

There was a discussion regarding an issue of a double burial but only a permit for one. Craig suggested that Nancy Talbot be asked to call the Funeral Home for the correct paper work.

Cards that are not complete will be left on the Cemetery Office desk until done.

Stone Workshop

The workshop went very well. There were 31 participants.

Check List for Sale of Lots

There was a review and discussion of the check list for sale of lots. It was decided that Ryan will review it and email his draft to the Commissioners for review. Nancy Dunn will put the list in a format suitable for posting on the wall in the Cemetery Office and have copies available.

Vandalism

There was a discussion regarding kids using the Cemetery as part of the Pokémon Game. Craig read the rules and regulations for the Cemetery. The police will need to be involved in the future, if this continues.

Abandoned Stones

A discussion of this was tabled until a future meeting.

Misc.,

Bill Boss, a distant relative of the Wilcox family who are buried in Aspen Grove, expressed his concern that the foundation is broken and will need repair. In addition, Mr. Boss would like to have a Masonic symbol on the stone. Ryan suggested placing a brass marker. John and Ryan will work together to get it done.

Burial Permits

Permits must be kept forever. Craig found old ones dating back to 1909. Ryan has a filing cabinet and will work with Julie to get them filed. Craig suggested having permits scanned using the Town Hall facility. Julie will work on having interns do the scanning.

Elizabeth Wetherell

The marker dedication and tour will be October 13 at noon. Stephen Katz and Tracy Opalinski will speak.

Boy Scout

On Saturday, September 15th, at 2:00 pm, Julie will give a certification and do a presentation to Reed Jefferies for his Eagle Scout Project at the Ware Center Meeting House. A reception will follow. Craig suggested that the Cemetery Commission pay for the refreshments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

The next regular meeting will be October 15, 2018 at 3:15 pm at the Town Hall.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Ryan Maslak _____