

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
August 12, 2019

Location: 99 Pleasant Street, Ware, MA
Time: 5:02 pm
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, John Piechota

Stone Cleaning

Ryan Maslak will not be available to coordinate the stone cleaning on September 7th and asked to have the event moved to September 14th.

Cemetery Lot Questions

There was some confusion by the family of Phyllis Worden about how much space is regularly set out for a cremation.

A discussion about the question of purchase and of residency was prompted by the King/Maloney burial. Can a lot be purchased by someone who is not a resident of Ware?

The Diane Fox cremains burial posed the question of a double burial in the Memorial Garden. Stones are usually 1' x 2', but John will explore the option of placing two stones together for a double burial.

Tour

The signs used by the Police can be borrowed to be display information next to stones of interest in Aspen Grove for a self-guided tour.

Stone Wall Entrance

The estimated price of stones from Halluck's of Ludlow was \$2900. Money will come from the Aspen Grove (Perpetual Care) Trust, \$2,000, and the Reed Memorial Trust, \$2,000. Craig Simmons and John Piechota will order the stones. The use of coping/cap stones will unify and define the structure. Interlocking stones will strengthen it. Chuck could transport the stones, but does not have the ability to take the stones off the truck. Work will be done by cemetery workers.

The motion was made by Bullock and seconded by Simmons. It passed unanimously.

John will remove the old shrubs towards the end of summer and place them in a less travelled area.

Aging and Damaged Trees

John reported that trees have begun to drop due to the age of the trees and the caterpillar damage. Chuck and Josh were to remove trees but there is a high danger factor.

A letter to the town managers was sent in January to Chuck and Stuart about the aging and sick trees. Josh needs permission to remove the trees. Bill Cote, Maggie Sorel and Craig Simmons had already noted some of the trees that needed removal. Section O had already been marked but more trees now need attention. The Town Manager and DPW were notified. Another letter will go to the Town Manager and DPW from the Cemetery Commission.

Craig discussed with Chuck the removal of the trees and the possibility for Federal Funds, but this matter must continue to be mentioned until it is accomplished.

Miscellaneous

John disclosed an incident related to the Pokemon game which resulted in an implied threat of throat slitting. Apparently Joe Harper's driving path was obstructed by this person's vehicle.

The office at Aspen Grove needs an up-to-date computer and internet access.

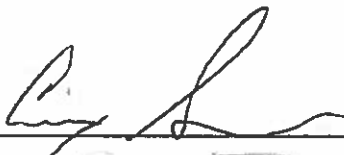
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm

The next regular meeting will be September 9 at 5:00 pm at the Aspen Grove Cemetery.

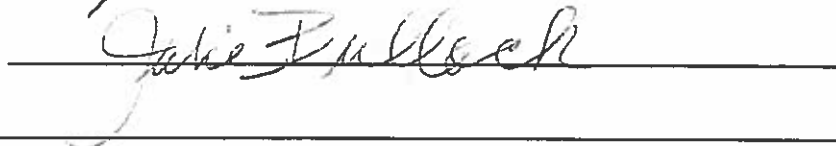
Julie Bullock, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons



Julie Bullock



Ryan Maslak