



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, June 21, 2021**

Location: Grenville Park Pavilion
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, Roy Erickson, John Plechota

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Minutes

BULLOCK: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting minutes as written.
ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

Finances

The recent financial report was reviewed. Craig advised that the part time Cemetery employee will be paid from the Sale of Lots Account for the next 10 weeks.

Transfer of Lots

Craig Simmons transferred the chairmanship of the meeting to Julie Bullock, since a motion will be needed for his personal transfer request.

Julie read the proposal from Craig Simmons (copy attached)

ERICKSON: Motion to permit the transfer of Lot R 44 currently deeded to A. Richard Walker and Lot R 124 currently deeded to Ken Simmons to Craig R. Simmons and Jenni A Simmons.
BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor.

Julie read a transfer request from Linda and Francis Power (copy attached)

BULLOCK: Motion to approve the transfer of ownership of Lot 39.1 Section S from Linda Power to Kerry Tower.

ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor.

Chairmanship of the meeting returned to Craig Simmons

There was a discussion regarding transfer of deeds, inherited deeds, progression of deeded owners and their successors and the ability to be buried without proof of right to be buried in said lot. There was also a discussion of who is responsible for engraving a stone. Julie will create a draft of a form for review by the Commissioners regarding issues related to burials in grave not owned but perhaps inherited.

SHRAB Grant

Nothing new to report. Craig thinks that since it was neglected to be signed, it might not be approved.

BULLOCK: Motion to appropriate \$600 from the Perpetual Care Account Fund to pay the Cemetery's portion of the bill to Historic Gravestone Services for preserving two bronze plaques and the Civil War Veteran's Monument.

ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor.

Roads at Aspen Grove

John Piechota described 3 possibilities for repair of roads. 1) Shim coating; 2) Grind existing asphalt and repair; 3) Chip seal. Estimates will need to be obtained. Julie asked if Aspen Grove Cemetery is listed on the Massachusetts National Historic Registry and if so the possibility of putting together information to apply for a grant. The grant should include the names of the people of Ware who were involved in "the Town that can't be licked". Roy suggested getting quotes on the road repair and then work on applying for the grant.

Rules and Regulations

There was a discussion of Section 19.1 to 19.4 of the Rules and Regulations, including sale of lots, transfer of deeds and owners of deeds. Also mentioned was listing of what is prohibited on a grave. Rules and Regulations will be reviewed by the Commissioners and discussed at the next meeting.

Updates from John Piechota

Normal Cemetery maintenance is ongoing.

John suggested having a stone washing seminar again. Craig will ask Bill Cote and others who would be available to help. Kits can be put together for a \$10.00 donation. Maybe hold it in September, however some people like to clean their monuments for Memorial Day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall n on July 19, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Recorder
Nancy Dunn

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Roy Erickson _____

