



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
CEMETERY COMMISSION  
Thursday, January 26, 2023**

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm

**Minutes**

**ERICKSON:** Motion to approve the minutes of the October and December, 2022 meetings

**HARPER:** Second  
All were in favor

**Campbell Request**

**ERICKSON:** Motion to approve the request from Mary Campbell to place cremation remains in the Campbell burial plot.

**HARPER:** Second  
All were in favor

There was a discussion regarding the need for a set procedure regarding this issue. It was suggested that there should be a designated person who has the authority to make decisions regarding a burial plot and noted on the lot card. Craig will write up a letter for review by the Commission.

**Cemetery Report for Annual Report**

Craig shared a draft of his write up of the Year 2022 Cemetery Commission report for review by the Commissioners.

**ERICKSON:** Motion to accept the report as written

**HARPER:** Second  
All were in favor

**Budget**

Stuart provided copies of the DPW/Cemetery Budget for review and discussion. Talking points:

- Cemetery Commission part of the DPW budget
- Payment to part time worker out of Trust Funds
- Who supervises part timer, John Piechota or DPW
- Create a supplies line item for the Cemetery in the DPW budget

**Veteran’s Markers Foundations**

Since the grant was not submitted in time, there is money in the Revolving Account to purchase Veteran’s foundations. Bill Cote has molds/forms which could be used to make the foundations in house.

**HARPER:** Motion to pay for the supplies needed for making Veteran’s markers out of the Cemetery Revolving Account

**SIMMONS:** Second  
All were in favor

**Rates for Lots and Burials**

A discussion of rates for lots and burials was tabled until the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06.

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2023.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Harper \_\_\_\_\_

Roy Erickson \_\_\_\_\_

