



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION
FRIDAY May 6, 2022

Location: Aspen Grove Cemetery Office, 99 Pleasant Street, Ware, MA
Present: Craig Simmons, Roy Erickson, Paul Harper, John Piechota

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Paul Harper shared three items with the Commission:

- 1) The results of his meeting with the DCR and the East Quabbin Land Trust regarding planting of trees in Aspen Grove Cemetery . Six trees would be planted now and two to four in the fall. The trees are free. He also shared a map of possible placement of the trees. (copy attached). The six trees could be planted by Memorial Day. The Cemetery Commission will provide water and mulch.

HARPER: Motion to accept the trees from the East Quabbin Land Trust.

ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor.

Dogwood trees are hard to get now, but perhaps in the Fall. Flowering shrubs are recommended along the hill in Section O.

HARPER: Motion to spend up to \$1,000 to be taken from the Handanian Fund for four or five shrubs to be planted on the back of Section O.

ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor.

- 2) Meeting with the Town Manager and Town Accountant regarding the stone cleaning seminar funding. The Cemetery Commission may pay for the workshop now and then be reimbursed when the grant money comes in.
- 3) Conversation with the Town Manager regarding the \$1800 earmarked for the Cemetery from the 2021 budget. Paul would like to get quotes on grounding up stumps.

Since Cemetery Trust Funds are depleting, the Cemetery Commission needs to request \$10K for a part time employee. There was a discussion regarding the appropriate wording when mak-

ing such a request. It was suggested to plan for next year's budget rather than take it from other line items. There was continued discussion regarding the Cemetery budget issues. This will be discussed at future meetings.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 pm.

The next meeting will be on May 16 , 2022 at the Aspen Grove Cemetery Office.

Recorder
Nancy Dunn

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Paul Harper _____

Roy Erickson _____