



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, Ware, MA
Time: 1:00
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, John Piechota, Ryan Maslak

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

SIMMONS: Motion to approve the minutes of the February Meeting as written.

BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor

UPDATES FROM JOHN PIECHOTA

John reported that there will be a lot of work in the spring due to the weather and debris. There is still brush that needs to be burned.

The new truck is here and ready for use. It will be stored at the Highway Department.

The John Deere gator will be used until it is no longer functioning.

There was a funeral on March 14th.

APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FOR PART TIME EMPLOYEE

There was a discussion regarding the addition of two weeks to the Part Time employee's work schedule.

BULLOCK Motion to pay Paul St. Pierre for an additional two weeks, bringing his total time to 33 weeks for a total of \$8,700.00 - \$4,350.00 to be taken from the Reed Fund and \$4,350.00 to be taken from the Perpetual Care Fund.

MASLAK Second
All were in favor.

Grave Opening Policy

There was a discussion regarding the Cemetery's ability to write their own policy.

BULLOCK Motion to approve the Cemetery Commission's grave opening policy and payments
MASLAK Second
All were in favor

SAFETY CONCERNS

John Piechota reported on a cremation situation in which a grave was dug, but the urn was not delivered until the following morning, leaving the grave opening covered with boards. Ed's Landscaping would like to coordinate with the Vault companies and have the Vault or Urn delivered the same day as the grave opening to avoid any mishaps. Craig will prepare a draft for review for the next meeting regarding grave digging and leaving burials open before a funeral service.

AROUND QUABBIN

Julie mentioned the magazine "Around Quabbin". They publish events in the area, including society events, tours, etc. The quarterly deadline is at the end of the month. Julie will add the Stone Cleaning Workshop on Sept. 7 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm and the tour of the Cemetery on October 19 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

POKEMON

John Piechota mentioned that the Pokémon game was being conducted at the Cemetery during the recent funeral. Ryan Maslak had sent a letter to attempt to stop them. A letter including the cemetery Rules and Regulations needs to be prepared. It was suggested that if Ed from Ed's Landscaping is there in the Cemetery, he should contact the Police. Julie Bullock volunteered to look into the situation.

SELLING OF LOTS POLICY

Tabled until the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

The next regular meeting will be April 12, 2019.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Ryan Maslak _____