



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, February 22, 2021**

Location: Via ZOOM
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, Roy Erickson, John Piechota

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm

Minutes

BULLOCK: Motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting
ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

Finances

No issues.

Upper Building

The building was inspected by the DPW and Baystate Contracting Services Inspector. There is no report yet. Any equipment of value was removed. There was a total of \$140 worth of scrap metal. Donnie Desjardins made an offer of \$120 on some of the misc. items which included:

- wood ladder
- Pic axes
- pulley
- Typewriter
- Wood box tire rims

He is interested in the front door if at some time the building is taken down.

There is an extra lowering device still in the building.

Julie had concerns regarding the safety of the bell clapper. The Fire House is interested in the bell. Julie feels that the bell should be kept at Aspen Grove. Roy suggested that if the bell is at the Fire House, there should be a plaque that it's on loan from the Cemetery.

Schrab Grant

There was a discussion regarding use of the grant, which is specifically for Veterans.

- Clean Vet's monuments
- Digital ability of keeping records, photos, history

SIMMONS: Motion to apply for the Schrab Grant to pay Miss Conde for cleaning Civil War Marker at Aspen Grove Cemetery for the 2021 grant year.

BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor

Discussion: Miss Conde altered her proposal from last year. She is willing to do the job if the Cemetery Commission is able to get the grant. Craig will send a letter of intent.

Internet at the Pleasant Street Office

There was a discussion regarding the need for internet service at the office. John and Craig will stay in touch with Stuart and the DPW. Roy said they would need a modem, router, computer, and phone line. Julie felt it's important to have a computer to keep records. David Grace, said the Cemetery could connect with the rest of the Town system.

Beatrice Lavella

SIMMONS: Motion to grant Beatrice Lavella's request to gift Ryan Lavella the Plot in Section O, Lot 1 at Aspen Grove Cemetery

ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

Discussion: Roy raised the issue and concern of the Lavella stone facing the wrong way and should the stone be moved in the same direction as the rest of the markers in the Lot. John felt the new owner should be contacted and given a history and reason to change direction. If the owner wants it left alone, that would be his decision. It was agreed to talk to the new owner in a face to face meeting to provide future plans of the lot. Craig will write a letter to advise the family.

Part Time Employee

An ad will be placed in the Ware Rive News for a part time employee for the coming season. The ad will cost \$150 and will run on March 4 and 11. Roy suggested posting on Facebook. The job will begin on April 5. Craig would like to use the March 22, Cemetery meeting to conduct an interviews.

There is \$1400 from the Sale of Lots to pay the employee to June 20th and to be voted on at the Town Meeting. There is \$2500 from the Sale of Lots and \$6500 from the Trust Funds. The positon will run from April 5 to the end of November.

BULLOCK: Motion to appropriate \$150 from the Reed Fund to pay for an ad for a Part Time employee.

ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

Rules and Regulations

Craig asked the Commissioners to review the rules and regulations for the next meeting. They can be found on the Town Website.

Updates from John Piechota

John reported on his concerns regarding vehicles abusing Section O. Barriers have been moved and people are going everywhere and letting dogs off of leashes. John is keeping the Cemetery closed as much as possible. Abuse is happening on all of the fields in Town.

Tree work has begun on Section O

Replacement of new free trees will start again. John will ask the East Quabbin Land Trust.

Joe Harper has been working all year long.

John will do the foundation for the marker chosen by Tom Clark.

There being no further business, Roy Erickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15.

The next meeting will be on March 22nd at 3:00 via ZOOM.

Recorder
Nancy Dunn

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Roy Erickson _____