



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

Location: Aspen Grove Cemetery, Ware, MA
Time: 3:00
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, John Piechota
Guests: Roy Erickson

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

BULLOCK: Motion to approve the minutes of the February and April Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes as written.
SIMMONS: Second
All were in favor.

Finances

Discussed need to take money from the Handanian Trust Account for flowers for the West Grave site in order to satisfy the requirement of the Handanian Trust.

There is an article for the Spring Town Meeting to take \$5K from the Sale of Lots Account to pay the part-time Cemetery employee until the end of the season.

Section O

John will obtain an estimate from Rob LeMaitre to do the work on Section O. It was decided that there was no need to obtain estimates from any other contractor. There was a discussion regarding marking burial placements and installing a temporary road in order to access the back of the area. It was determined that it might not be feasible to work on the entire area, but perhaps start with the top two quadrants. Craig would like to have an Article for the Fall Town Meeting to take money out of the Revolving Account to pay for the cost of the work on Section O or the cost of the work will be taken out of the Trust Funds or Perpetual Care Accounts.

Updates from John Piechota

- A couple of stones will be installed.
- Veteran's markers arrived and have been installed.
- A few other stones needed to be up righted.
- Work on the wall needs to be finished.
- Some trees will need to be taken down.
- Workers have been cleaning up dropped limbs.
- Workers will need to start leveling stones and doing some re seeding.
- The trees in the back of the Aspen Gun Club need attention.
- The garage door to the office building opened on its own, which will require a new opener or a new door or both.
- A person contacted John in order to request a stone to be placed on her mother's grave. However, in researching the name and grave, no such person or grave was found, John referred her to the Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Warrant

There is a warrant at the Town Meeting to have \$5K transferred from the Sale of Lots Account.

Chainfall

SIMMONS: Motion to spend up to \$500 for a new chainfall to be taken from the Handanian Trust Account.

BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor

Rules and Regulations

There was a discussion regarding the need to revise the rules and regulations pertaining to burials, cemetery grave maintenance, flower placements, etc. A copy of the rules and regulations would be presented to the owner when lot is purchased. Craig and John will work on the revisions.

Also discussed was the possibility of using electronic fund transfers for burial permits. Craig and John will meet with Erica Brunell, the Town Treasurer to discuss the possibility of direct payments.

Photographic Record of Aspen Grove Cemetery.

There was a discussion regarding a project for either an Eagle Scout or Senior High School community service project, which would involve taking photos of the various historical grave stones.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

The next regular meeting will be July 7, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Aspen Grove Cemetery.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____