



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019**

Location: Aspen Grove Cemetery Office, Ware, MA
Time: 4:15
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock
Excused: John Plechota, Ryan Maslak

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

FINANCES

Craig reported that finances are in good shape.

FLOWERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

There was a discussion regarding the appropriations from funds for the Memorial Day flowers.

SIMMONS Motion to appropriate \$120 from the Perpetual Care Fund for Memorial Day Flowers on the Jordon, Davis, and Blood lots; \$125 taken from the Reed Fund for flowers on the Reed and Warner lots; \$85 from the Packard Trust Fund; and \$115 from the Handanian Trust Fund for flowers on the Handanian and West lots.

BULLOCK Second
All were in favor.

There was a discussion regarding 3 burial lots which Craig is not sure where the money came from. He did some research into the Perpetual Care fund and found that R. Jordan gave \$1000 to Aspen Grove Cemetery and did not specify for which grave. The Commission is spending the interest. He also discovered that Osmi Fitts from Vermont gave \$377.40 in 2005 for Memorial Day decorations.

Nancy will make up a receipt form for use with payments for lots, openings, etc.

DPW

Craig had a discussion with Stuart Beckley regarding who to speak with regarding Cemetery projects, work and maintenance. Chuck Niedzwiecki met with Craig at the Cemetery and had a tour. Craig pointed out various needs, i.e. tree work; Memorial Garden One; the drainage issue at Memorial Garden Two; and the building at the Cemetery. It was agreed that the DPW is ultimately in charge and the Cemetery Commission will work in an advisory capacity. This should take some of the burden off of John Piechota.

AROUND QUABBIN

Julie shared copies of Around Quabbin. We were too late to publish some items.

TOUR

There was a discussion regarding having the Domestic Violence Walk and the tour on the same day in October. Craig suggested a self-guided tour with signs placed at graves of interest, i.e. Candy Cummings, the first female mayor of Seattle, the Quabbin area, Gilbert Grenville and confederate soldiers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

The next regular meeting to be determined.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Ryan Maslak _____