



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CEMETERY COMMISSION
MONDAY, May 3, 2021**

Location: Town Hall, Ware, MA
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, Roy Erickson, John Piechota

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Minutes

BULLOCK: Motion to approve the minutes of the March, 2021 meeting minutes as written.
ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Craig Simmons
Secretary/Treasurer: Julie Bullock
Veterans Liaison: Roy Erickson

Finances

Craig had some questions as to how the Park Department handles warrants and salaries. John explained the Park Dept. process.

Memorial Day Flowers

Eight plants will be placed this year:

SIMMONS: Motion to appropriate two plants from the Packard Trust not to exceed \$100. Three plants from the Reed Trust not to exceed \$150.00 and three plants from the Handanian Trust not to exceed \$150.00
ERICKSON: Second
All were in favor.

John reported that the Town may be permitting a Memorial Day parade and band, since some of the COVID-19 guidelines are loosening.

The Cemetery Commissioners will go to Veteran's Park earlier on the day to police the area and clean up trash as needed.

Schrab Grant

Nothing new to report

Juanita Rosales Request

Craig received a note from Juanita Rosales. She is making a donation for a tree to be planted in honor of her late husband.

SIMMONS: Motion to plant a tree in honor of Juanita Rosales husband with John Piechota's discretion for placement.

BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor.

Trees

East Quabbin Land Trust (EQLT) was supposed to take a look at Section O for tree replacement. There was a discussion regarding who has the final say as to appropriate and suitable trees and where they are to be planted. Craig will draft a letter to the EQLT outlining the process, including tree placement, continued maintenance and nothing can be done without the approval of the Cemetery Commission. Julie suggested inviting a representative from the EQLT to attend a Commission meeting or do a walk through the Cemetery.

John mentioned planting a "tree belt" along the road. He will work with someone from National grid.

Part Time Employee

John reported that although he may not be a long term employee, so far he is a good worker.

Updates from John Piechota

Section S is beginning to sell; Tom Clark would like to do some volunteer work at the Cemetery; brush clean-up is continuing; more trees need cutting; broken stones need fixing but not until trees are down. Mr. Lemaitre has not forgotten about the Cemetery. John continues to find evidence of drugs and alcohol.

New Business

Roy mentioned the need for one-way signs in the Cemetery. There was continued discussion and it was thought to contact the DPW for suggestions. All agreed they do not want to see signs all around the Cemetery.

Rules and Regulations

Craig suggested to start reviewing the rules and regulations by doing one section at a time each month. The first section will be reviewed for the next meeting for a vote and approval.

John brought up his concerns about multiple graves and now children passing away. Craig suggested it's the responsibility of the family who owns the lot and to determine who has the rights to the graves and their succession.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Grenville Park Pavilion on June 21st at 3:00 pm.

Recorder
Nancy Dunn

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Roy Erickson _____

