



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JULY 15, 2019

Location: 99 Pleasant Street, Ware, MA
Time: 5:00 pm
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, Ryan Maslak
Excused: John Plechota

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

BULLOCK: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 Meeting as written.
SIMMONS: Second
All were in favor

Financial Report
No report

Tour

There was a discussion regarding placing information next to each of the stones of interest in Aspen Grove. Julie suggested obtaining flag holders. Craig suggested borrowing signs from the DPW and placing the information over the "no parking" wording. It was also suggested having a self-guided tour and providing a map of the entire cemetery indicating the significant stones. Craig will start to work on the project.

Stone Wall Entrance

There was a discussion regarding the material to be used for the new stone walkway. It was generally agreed to use Boston Stones although these are the most expensive. Craig figured 175 square feet would cost approximately \$2,900. At some point maybe include stone benches. The entire cost might be as much as \$4,000.00. When John is able to rip out the old shrubs, it will be easier to get a better idea of the cost and the time frame.

Stone Cleaning

It was originally suggested to charge participants in the cleaning project a fee of \$5.00. After some discussion it was decided not charge a fee, but to ask for donations to pay for brushes, scrapers, and squirt bottles. The Cemetery Commission would provide the cleaning solution. Ryan reported that he has drafted an article to be placed in the Ware River News, but will forward it to the Commissioners for their review. The workshop will be limited to 30 participants and the sign up process will be the same as last year. Ryan has people lined up to demonstrate how to do the cleaning.

East Church Cemetery - United Church of Ware

Two maple trees on the edge of the cemetery next to the parking lot at the United Church have died and will need to be removed. The Trustees from the United Church of Ware asked for clarification of the boundaries and responsibilities for maintaining the Cemetery. Craig provided a regulation from the Massachusetts General Laws regarding cemetery boundaries and responsibilities along with some history. The document will be kept with the Aspen Grove Cemetery policy information and a copy for the United Church of Ware for their records.

Misc.

It was suggested to keep a binder of Aspen Grove Cemetery policies. Nancy will put together the information and keep it at the Cemetery Office.

There was a brief discussion regarding Cemetery Commission meeting dates and time. It was agreed to continue holding the meeting at the same date and time for the foreseeable future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm

The next regular meeting will be August 12 at 5:00 pm at the Aspen Grove Cemetery Office.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Ryan Maslak _____