



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

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

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

SIMMONS: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 12th and May 24th Meeting as written.
BULLOCK: Second
All were in favor

Updates from John Piechota

John reported that he has three stones for Bill Cote to work on. There have been several grave site purchases including one for the Memorial Garden. A couple of foundations have been poured. The crew has been busy and doing a good job. Moss has been cleared from the barn.

Burial/Vault Company Policy

A copy of the Burial/Vault policy was provided to the Commissioners for review and discussion.

MASLAK: Motion to approve the Burial/Vault Policy procedure as written.
SIMMONS: Seconded
All were in favor

Nancy will make copies of the policy and mail to the various funeral directors. John will give a copy to Ed's Landscaping. A copy will be kept at the Cemetery Office.

Potential Projects

Craig listed several projects that will be shared with the DPW:

- Development of Section O
- Finish the Memorial Garden
- Fix the drainage in Section S by the road near Aspen Gun Club
- Work on the front entrance
- Work on the barn

Craig stressed that all the Cemetery Commission can do is give advice to the DPW of what needs to be done. The Commission does not have the equipment or the money. It must be come from the DPW. Craig suggested to the DPW Director that he and John talk over what work is needed at the Cemetery.

There was continued discussion regarding the front entrance. After the meeting, Craig, Ryan and John looked over the area. John suggested that it could be accomplished by his crew, i.e. remove all of the shrubs and the rotted wood timbers. They would be replaced with gravel. Craig would like to see the project completed by the end of the summer.

Stone Cleaning

Ryan will hold the stone cleaning workshop on September 7th. He will run an ad and limit attendees to 30 people. John suggested providing each attendant with their own cleaning kit at a charge of \$5.00, which they can keep. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ryan will be talking to Ed’s Landscaping about the flat markers that need to be raised up level with the ground. There is money from last year’s grant.

John asked the Cemetery workers to do a survey of the stones that need repair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm

The next regular meeting will be July 15 at 5:00 pm at the Aspen Grove Cemetery Office.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Ryan Maslak _____