

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Friday, January 30, 2015 Meeting
Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, Mass.



Present: Adrienne Levesque and Mike McCue.

Absent: Keven Desmarais.

Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 6:12p.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September 2nd, October 6th, and January 5th were received. No changes were made.

Tree Bids for FY16

This item was passed over until all members could be present. It may not be possible to have this ready for the spring.

Discuss Draft Budget for FY16

Mr. McCue stated that the budget would need to increase a minimum of \$125.00 over the present year. In addition, he recommended increasing the mapping allotment from \$2100.00 to \$5000.00 to try and get further along in the mapping project. Discussion centered on how mapping money tends to run out midyear, putting the project on hold and delaying necessary work. Likewise, at present, a family wanting lots in Section 18 is being kept waiting because the mapping is incomplete.

It was noted that the budget can only be a draft since mowing bids are not due until February 20th. After that time, adjustments may be made if the results are very different from the present year. Some properties were predictable (Michael Hathaway, Quaker Hill, Richmond, and Winslow were not bid out since the current contractors agreed to maintain their prices) while others are not.

On consensus, the budget will be submitted at \$14,375.00 representing a \$125.00 increase in mowing and a \$2900.00 increase in mapping, along with notes that the budget is not final until bids are received.

On consensus, the annual sale of lots transfer and veterans' graves articles will be submitted. A decision about the brush mower article will be held until all members can be present.

Assonet Burying Ground

Mr. McCue reported hearing from the Coites regarding their proposed subdivision adjacent to Section 1. He planned to attend the Planning Board meeting on February 3rd where this subject will be discussed.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

Mr. McCue reported that one trash barrel had been returned to the cemetery, and was promptly filled with a G.E. microwave. All had strong feelings of contempt for the individual responsible. Due to the shameless selfishness of that person, barrels will be permanently removed as soon as the snow melts and signs will be purchased indicting that barrels were removed for repeated abuse.

Next Meeting

No further meetings were scheduled.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned without vote at 6:32.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Chairman