

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Monday, July 6, 2015 Meeting
Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, Mass.



Present: Keven Desmarais, Adrienne Levesque, and Mike McCue.

Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 1st were received. A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Assonet Burying Ground

Mr. McCue reported speaking with Joe Gouveia about the flag pole for the Veterans Section. Mr. Gouveia is still willing to build a stone base for the pole and will be in touch after he finished working on the pond at Crystal Springs School.

Discussion as held on repairing headstones. Mrs. Levesque asked what repairs were needed and on how many stones. Mr. McCue stated there were about two dozen, that some needed to be stood up, and that others needed to be put back together. Mr. Desmarais said the stones should be listed, measured, and photographed to know what size forms to make up. Mrs. Levesque will take photos of the stones before the August meeting. The August meeting will be held at the cemetery.

Guilford Evans Burial Ground

Mr. McCue reported the cemetery was not mowed for Memorial Day and the flags were not replaced. It was noted that the cemetery is not mowed unless the property owners are kept after. Mr. Desmarais will contact the property owners to get the cemetery mowed.

Josiah DeMoranville Family Cemetery

Mr. Desmarais will check to see if the sign has been posted regarding who to contact for access to the property.

Updates on Trees

Mr. Desmarais reported he had received no response yet from the Boys' Club regarding the cemetery at Camp Welch. He will contact them again. Heath Chace will be asked to look at Mother's Brook Cemetery and see if he's interested in cleaning up the front portion facing the road.

Discussion was held on the Nichols Cemetery. There have been efforts to clean up this cemetery several times over several years with little progress. Access is limited, and those who have worked there have picked away at trees but made no noticeable progress. Mr. Desmarais asked to view the cemetery again to try and figure out a way to get the work done.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

Copies of Senate Bill 1215, regarding state oversight of cemeteries, was received. All will review before the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mr. McCue, to adjourn at 5:17 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: Michael T. McCue, Michael T. McCue, Chairman