

**Freetown Cemetery Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, August 3, 2015 Meeting  
Assonet Burying Ground, 46 South Main Street, Assonet, Mass.

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

**Call to order:** Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of July 6th were received and accepted without amendments.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Mr. McCue showed those present the shed and its condition was reviewed. It was noted that the shed is in poor repair and something has taken up residence underneath it.

Commissioners reviewed damaged or broken headstones in Section 7 and Section 12, specifically those of Capt. Franklin Briggs, Sally Briggs, Edmund D. Hathaway, and Hannah Hathaway.

- The stone of Capt. Franklin Briggs is broken into two large pieces, with a few smaller pieces from around the base. The stone of Sally Briggs is laid over with no significant damage. A cracked base with no stone is also present; this base is believed to be for a stone for Adelaide Briggs that has gone missing. Adelaide Briggs is recorded as being in this lot with her parents.
- The stones of Edmund D. Hathaway and Hannah Hathaway are laid over and shattered. They are noted as being the worst of the broken headstones.
- It was noted that there are other stones in the cemetery with damage comparable to those of the Briggs' and it was deemed unnecessary to view the others, especially with the high temperatures.

Mr. McCue reported speaking with Jeff King subsequent to the last meeting. Mr. King has repaired some headstones in his own family and is beginning to branch out, and has expressed an interest in working in this town. Mr. Desmarais and Mrs. Levesque both felt that if Mr. King was interested in the work, he should be tried out. It was agreed on consensus to have Mr. King come to the cemetery and view some of the broken stones. Further discussion as held on the ways in which stones have been re-set or repaired in cement in other cemeteries, and it was agreed that some more research would need to be done and examples would need to be viewed before Commissioners could engage in the work should there be any reason Mr. King could not repair any of the stones.

**Guilford Evans Burial Ground**

Mr. McCue reported he found the cemetery mowed in July and was able to replace the flags. He noted some graves on the hilltop are overgrown and he could not get to them. Mr. Desmarais will contact Crystal Springs again to find out about getting those graves tended.

**Josiah DeMoranville Family Cemetery**

Mr. Desmarais reported the access sign is present.

**Updates on Trees**

Mr. Desmarais reported he has not heard back from the folks at Camp Welch, but he is getting a better contact number from the Board of Health as they are in regular contact. Mr. McCue reported Heath Chace was interested in the extra work at Mother's Brook Cemetery but has not yet gone to view it.

**Other Business Properly Before the Commission**

Mr. McCue showed the area north of Section 8 that he anticipated would be the next area to be cleared as space needs dictate.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to adjourn at 4:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

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

