

**Freetown Cemetery Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, November 2, 2015 Meeting  
Town Hall, Taunton Hill, Assonet, Mass.



**Present:** Adrienne Levesque and Mike McCue.

**Absent:** Keven Desmarais.

**Call to order:** Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of September 8th and October 5th were received.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Mr. McCue presented two aluminum signs for the Edmund Hathaway lot. These were bought to demonstrate an alternative to repairing stones where it is deemed cost-prohibitive. The aluminum signs can be put in beside the stones and preserve the information listed on the stones. The cost for each sign was \$18.00.

A brief report was given on the status of the perpetual care accounts. Essentially, interest rates are so poor that moving them from one bank to another would not produce much difference in income. Also reported was that no further action has been taken on purchasing a shed as the delivery charge was estimated at \$100 above the purchase price, and that the survey of the southerly property line is not yet complete.

**Dean Family Cemetery**

Mr. Desmarais was not present to discuss whether Ashland was interested in cleaning out this cemetery.

**Nichols Cemetery**

Mr. McCue reported he had not yet contacted Ed Lowe for information about goats. He also reported that discussions had begun with the owners of the surrounding property about re-establishing the old right-of-way from Water Street. This right-of-way was reserved to the Town and other interested parties when Gladys Nichols conveyed the back lot to Ken Rezendes in 1965. It connected to the other disused right-of-way through the Dohertys' property on Taunton Hill. Jack Healey, Town Administrator, was asked whether it was permissible for town employees and/or funds to be used toward restoring the right-of-way, and an answer was expected later in the day. [Note: After the meeting had concluded, Mr. Healey responded that this was permissible.]

**FY17 Bids**

It being preferable for all commissioners to hear this information at the same time, this item was passed over until the December meeting. It was noted that if this could be squared away in December, we would skip having a meeting in January.

**Updates on Trees**

It was noted that the special town meeting on October 27th appropriated \$7,000.00 for tree work at Plummer.

**Other Business Properly Before the Commission**

It was decided that the site visits on November 11th will begin at 10:00 a.m. Selected cemeteries in Assonet, excluding those north of Maple Tree Crossing, will be visited in November. Cemeteries in East Freetown and north of Maple Tree Crossing will be visited in the first half of 2016.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque, seconded by Mr. McCue, to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me. Attest: Michael T. McCue, Chairman