Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Monday, November 7, 2016 Meeting
Town Hall — Assonet, Mass.

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Present: Adrianne Levesque and Mike McCue.

Absent: Keven Desmarais.

Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes of October 3rd were distributed. A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque, seconded by Mr. McCue, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Tree Work
Mr. McCue provided updates on pending and ongoing tree work, as follows:

- Assonet Burying Ground: Bruce Durfee has completed his work here. Carl Brodeur's crew, on behalf of a neighboring property, also completed work in the cemetery on November 7th.
- Mother's Brook Cemetery: Mr. Durfee is believed to have completed work here as well.
- Plummer Burial Ground: Mr. Brodeur's crew was to begin work here November 7th and most likely complete the project on November 8th.

Assonet Burying Ground
Mr. McCue updated on the project of cleaning the veterans' stones. The sheriff's office acknowledged receiving the letter, but requested that it be sent again and addressed directly to the sheriff rather than the director of the program. The letter was to be re-sent that day.

Mr. McCue stated it was possible the Boy Scouts would take on the firebreak as a conservation project. Also, no progress has been made with the fence issue along the south property line.

Updates on Restoration Projects / Discussion on the use of Goats
Mr. McCue reported no new information on the Clark or State Forest graveyards. With regard to the Durfee-Hatheway Cemetery off Mill Street, the Boy Scout interested in tackling that property is progressing through his paperwork and hopes to begin work on the weekend of November 19th. They will enter from the Johansen property (formerly Cain) since the right-of-way is not clearly established on the Weaver property.

Also on the subject of restoration, discussion was held on the practicality of using goats as labor in some of the restoration projects. Information was reviewed from the outfit The Goatscaping Company, and discussion was held on possible locations to inquire about and "test" the goats. Ideas suggested were the Robinson Cemetery and the less populated areas of the Nichols Cemetery. Mr. McCue will send away for more information, and if the price is $500 for one week we will reserve them if possible to test them out. If higher than $500, the matter will be discussed again at the December meeting. This plan was approved on motion of Mrs. Levesque, seconded by Mr. McCue, and voted unanimously.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Commission
Mr. McCue noted that the family owning the Nichols Cemetery has sent a contribution of $1,000.00 to get Heath Chace started on the work. Mr. Chace has not yet been in touch.

Meeting Adjourned
A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque, seconded by Mr. McCue, to adjourn at 4:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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