

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Monday, July 6, 2020 Meeting
Assonet Burying Ground — Assonet, Mass.

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

Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

Reorganization, Part II

A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, for Mr. McCue to continue as chairman for the year ensuing. The motion carried unanimously.

Receipt of Minutes / Superintendent's Report

The minutes of June 1st were received, as was the Superintendent's report for June.

FY21 Budget Update

Mr. McCue reported that Town Meeting adopted the Finance Committee's recommendations for all budgets with no discussion. This shorted the Cemetery Commission by \$1,200. We will request that this be corrected in the fall.

Assonet Burying Ground

- o Mr. Desmarais reported that Copart has set aside at least one light pole to be used as a flag pole, but the Highway Department still needs to pick it up.
- o The "old shed" was observed, and is still falling apart.
- o No news was reported on the subject of the fence.
- o Mr. Desmarais reported on his attempts to locate a utility cart or tractor.
- o Mr. McCue reported the Highway Department would furnish a push mower and the water tank trailer as soon as they are able. Things have been slow-going while Kenny Pleiss has been out.
- o Discussion was held with regard to a bench in Section 8B. The bench will be moved a few feet to the east to be closer to the tree.

Updates on Repairing/Straightening Headstones

Mr. McCue reported that the warrant article was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting, and Albanese Monuments will be out when they are able to assess some of the stones, probably in September.

Discuss Shifting Some Cremation Burials In-House

Discussion was held on the possibility of having Tim Dacey perform some of the openings for cremation burials at Assonet Burying Ground. All were agreeable to trying this out.

Updates on Old Business or New Business

The maple tree at Assonet Burying Ground needing attention was observed. Moe DeMoranville had looked it over and felt that some of the canopy should be cut off to lessen the weight on the damaged part.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

None.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque, seconded by Mr. Desmarais, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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