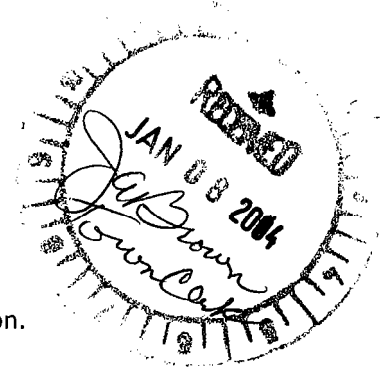


Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of Friday, November 29, 2013



Present: Adrienne Levesque and Mike McCue.

Absent: Keven Desmarais.

Guests: Rich Levesque, John Ashley, Abby Michaels, and Kimberly Humason.

Site Visits

The Cemetery Commissioners spent several hours, beginning at 11:15 a.m., visiting the various cemeteries either owned by the Town of Freetown or for which the town had some measure of responsibility. Mr. Levesque accompanied throughout the day. Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Michaels, and Miss Humason were present at the Assonet Burying Ground. Cemeteries were visited in the following order:

- Mother's Brook Cemetery, North Main Street (Fall River)

Commissioners walked the property and discussed the condition of the cemetery. A number of stones were noted as being tilted, fallen over, or otherwise damaged. The fencing on the Barnaby lot was also noted as needing minor repairs. Debris and logs were present from an incomplete cleanup, though it was thought the logs had been left to be taken later for firewood. Mr. Levesque collected several American flags that were in poor condition. All agreed the property could use better attention.

- Assonet Burying Ground, South Main Street

Commissioners met with Mr. Ashley to locate a grave for a funeral the next day and observed the opening. Commissioners then travelled the various drives of the cemetery by car, making note of recent work and work planned for the future.

- Plummer Burial Ground, South Main Street

Commissioners walked the property observing the amount of work that was completed in 2013. Mr. Levesque compared the appearance of the cemetery now with its condition during his time as Veterans Agent, noting how much easier it is to reach the graves to the rear of the property. Several fallen headstones were uncovered beneath the leaves. Notes were made regarding toppled stones, fences to be repaired, and other matters pertaining to the condition of the cemetery.

- Friends Cemetery, Friend Street

Commissioners walked the property and observed its condition. This cemetery, maintained by local Quaker meetings, was found to be in excellent condition. A new brush pile has been formed in the same location as the previous pile.

- Winslow Cemetery, Locust Street

Commissioners stopped briefly to observe this cemetery but did not walk the property.

- Richmond Cemetery, Richmond Road

Commissioners stopped briefly to observe this cemetery but did not walk the property.

- Morton Cemetery, Middleboro Road

Commissioners walked the property and observed its condition. Damage to the fence was noted and ascribed to fallen trees. In other areas, brush must be cut back to reveal the fence. Overall, the cemetery was found to be in fair-to-good condition. The financial problems facing this cemetery were noted.

- Braley's Cemetery (East), Braley's Station

Commissioners walked the property and the adjacent Reynolds Cemetery which is not under town jurisdiction. Commissioners did not visit the (West) cemetery. At (East), an area was noted as requiring additional attention where brush was beginning to grow back. The fence installed in 2012 was found to be in excellent condition.

- Quaker Hill Cemetery, South Main Street

~~Commissioners concluded the day by visiting the unmarked Quaker Hill Cemetery beside the American Legion hall. Commissioners observed this cemetery but did not walk the property.~~

Commissioners did not visit the following cemeteries due to time or other constraints: Michael Hathaway Burial Ground, Nichols Cemetery, Tisdale Burying Ground, East Freetown Cemetery, and Evans Cemetery.

No decisions were made nor votes taken over the course of the day.

Conclusion

The visitations concluded at 2:38 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Chairman

