

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Monday, June 1, 2020 Meeting
Assonet Burying Ground — Assonet, Mass.

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Present: Adrienne Levesque and Mike McCue.
Absent: Keven Desmarais.
Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Receipt of Minutes / Superintendent's Report

The minutes of February 25th and March 16th were received, as were the Superintendent's reports for January, February, March, April, and May.

Reorganization

Consensus was to pass over choosing a chairman for 2020-21 until after the election, which has been postponed until June 16th. Mr. McCue stated he intended to call the next meeting for Monday, July 6, 2020, in an attempt to get back to the regular meeting schedule. Consensus was to continue meeting at the cemetery if the weather remains decent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque, seconded by Mr. McCue, to reappoint Mr. McCue as Superintendent of Public Cemeteries, Richard Brown as Assistant Superintendent for the Assonet Burying Ground, and Mr. McCue as the single-signature signatory for bills, payroll, etc. The motion carried unanimously.

FY21 Budget Update

The Finance Committee will be making its budget recommendations on June 2nd.

Assonet Burying Ground

Although Mr. Desmarais was unable to be present, he did provide a report that the new owners of the Algonquin S.N.G. property had agreed to donate one or more steel poles formerly used as parking lot light poles to be used as flag poles in the cemetery. Although the poles will need to be outfitted for their new purpose, there should be a significant savings.

The "old" shed was observed. It is still in poor condition, but will hopefully receive attention over the next few months.

Discussion was had on the Memorial Day mowings of this and other cemeteries. Mr. McCue recommended that a push mower be purchased, either at the end of June or early in July, as he had observed Tim Dacey "mowing" the raised lots with a string trimmer. Mr. McCue noted that Teddy Walsh used to mow raised lots with a push mower when the Highway Department first mowed the cemetery, and felt that not obtaining one during the transition was an oversight. Consensus was to pursue a mower at the appropriate time.

Updates on Old Business or New Business

Most items under this heading were passed over, however, discussion was had on the need for future tree work at Mother's Brook, Plummer, Braley's Station and the Assonet Burying Ground. In particular, one of the old maples at Assonet that had apparently previously split and been cabled back together was showing signs of splitting again.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

A reminder was given that the spring town meetings will be held Saturday, June 20th at 10:30 a.m. at Griffith Field at Apponequet Regional High School.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque, seconded by Mr. McCue, to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Chairman