

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Tuesday, May 17, 2022 Meeting
Town Hall — Assonet, Mass.

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Present: Jim Jose and Mike McCue were present at the Town Hall. Adrienne Levesque was present via telephone.

Absent: None.

Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes & Superintendent's Reports

Minutes of the last meeting were received. No Superintendent's Report was available at this time.

Seasonal Labor

Mr. McCue informed the other members that Tim Dacey had resigned as Sexton effective May 11th. Subsequent to this, he had independent conversations with the Town Administrator and Highway Surveyor about the possibility of hiring an additional Laborer for the Highway Department and giving up the Sexton position. The benefit would be a full-time employee would be less likely to leave than a part-time, seasonal employee. The detriment would be losing an employee whose sole focus is on the cemetery.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Jose felt using the Highway Department could make maintenance easier overall, since they are a full-time department with greater resources. Mrs. Levesque asked what would happen if there was a conflict with time, say another project coming up. Mr. McCue responded the Highway Department has been our lifesaver in the past; when we hit a crunch for holidays or funerals, the Highway Department has always dropped whatever else they were doing (within reason) to help us out.

After additional general discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jose, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to request that the town pursue hiring a Highway Department Laborer to replace the Sexton position. The motion carried unanimously.

All Other Items Postponed

No additional business was taken up during this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Jose, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Chairman