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Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Monday, August 31, 2020 Meeting
Assonet Burying Ground — Assonet, Mass.

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

Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Receipt of Minutes / Superintendent's Report

The minutes of July 6th were received, as were the Superintendent's reports for July and August.

Seasonal Labor

- o Tim Dacey's workweek has settled out as Saturday through Wednesday, with Thursdays and Fridays off.
- o Working conditions during the late-July and early-August heat wave were discussed. Messrs. Dacey and McCue were amenable to adjusting the schedule to avoid working in extreme heat and worked it out as needed. Since the heat wave has passed by for now, this matter will be held and considered again next summer.
- o Discussion was held on how the seasonal labor position might evolve in 2021. Richard Brown has said he would not be volunteering to the same extent as he had in the past due to other obligations. On consensus, it was decided to have Mr. Dacey work one day a week starting around Patriots Day to get a handle on what would be needed in Mr. Brown's absence, and then play the spring and early summer by ear. If Mr. Dacey becomes overwhelmed by the amount of work, the matter will be addressed again.

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- o The light pole donated by Copart was observed. Mr. Desmarais will work on figuring out how to rig it and cap it, and then we will work with the Highway Department to get a cement pad and get the pole erected. It was agreed to put the new pole where the old pole was.
- 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 will continue working on getting a tractor or utility cart.
- o Mr. McCue reported the Highway Department had delivered the push mower. He also discussed the water tank trailer with Eric Richard this morning; it has a small leak needing to be repaired, but is otherwise in excellent condition. There was some concern about how it will be filled in transported, but Mr. Desmarais said in a pinch he could tow the trailer with the Water Department truck.

Updates on Old Business or New Business

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

No items were taken up under these headings.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____ Michael T. McCue, Chairman