

FREETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION
Minutes of the Wednesday, May 21, 2008 Meeting
Town Barn, 201 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

Present: Ralph Gurney and Mike McCue.

Absent: None.

Guests: Mrs. Adrienne Levesque.

Call to order: Chairman Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 7:07p.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 25, 2008, were received and read by Mr. McCue. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, and duly seconded by Mr. McCue, the minutes of January 25th were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Vacancy

Mrs. Levesque was present as one of two applicants for the vacancy created when Harris Chace passed away last month. The other applicant, young Harris Chace, was not present. At the end of the meeting, Mr. McCue asked Mrs. Levesque if she was still interested, and she replied that she was. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, seconded by Mr. McCue, the Board of Selectmen will be asked to appoint Mrs. Levesque to the vacant seat. The motion carried unanimously.

Assonet Burying Ground

Mr. McCue reported that the cemetery had been mowed in time for Mother's Day, except for the sections along the fence and along the highway. Mr. Gurney stated he had spoken with Greg Myers, and that those sections were set to be mowed before Memorial Day provided the weather cooperates.

Mr. Gurney reported that he received a call from Ruth Gagne regarding the mowing of the cemetery, and he informed her that it was being mowed according to the usual schedule. Mr. McCue stated he had spoken with Mrs. Gagne about dead flowers being left on a grave, and informed her that it is up to the family to remove flowers from a grave, or to the caretaker if the flowers are interfering with mowing, but that the town does not remove flowers from graves.

Mr. McCue reported that Joe Rosa paid the balance due on his lot earlier this spring. He also reported that the Parade & Fireworks Committee would like permission again this year to use the field behind the shed for setting off the fireworks. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, seconded by Mr. McCue, the Parade & Fireworks Committee may use the field at the cemetery provided they clean up their boxes and other refuse. The motion carried unanimously.

With regard to the roads in the cemetery, Mr. Gurney felt the dirt roads in the back of the cemetery needed to be paved as they become too muddy during the winter, and Mr. McCue agreed. Both felt that the grassy roads in the old part of the cemetery hold up well for the most part, but that one or two may need to be graded. Mr. McCue stated that Highway Surveyor Chuck Macomber had estimated a cost of \$60/truck to grade the dirt roads. After reviewing available funds, it was decided to ask Mr. Macomber to do up to \$3,000 worth of roadwork.

Evans Cemetery

Mr. McCue reported that he visited the Evans Cemetery recently, and it is being maintained in excellent condition in terms of mowing. He also stated one of the maple trees may not survive into 2009. Mr. Gurney reported that Merrill Snell was pleased with the work being done there.

Morton Cemetery

Mr. Gurney reported that the Marks Family on Middleboro Road has already mowed the cemetery twice this year, and has not submitted any bills. He also received word that one headstone had toppled and another was coming off its base from the iron rods rusting. He will look into getting iron rods for the headstones and for the fence from Bradford Steel.

Richmond Cemetery

Mr. McCue stated he would like to have Greg Myers take a look at the Richmond Cemetery and see what could be done to kill off the poison ivy there, and Mr. Gurney felt this would be a good idea. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, seconded by Mr. McCue, Greg Myers will be asked to work on the Richmond Cemetery. The motion carried unanimously.

Maps

Mr. McCue reported that no further progress had been made toward new maps. Mr. Gurney stated that Dave Cass has been very busy lately with larger projects.

Next Meeting

A meeting will be posted for Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Barn.

Meeting Adjourned

Upon motion of Mr. Gurney, duly seconded by Mr. McCue, the board voted to adjourn at 7:32p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue
Chairman