

Freetown Cemetery Committee
Minutes of the Monday, September 19, 2005 Regular Meeting
Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Upstairs Conference Room
227 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

Present: Ralph Gurney, Chairman; and Mike McCue, Secretary

Absent: Harris Chace was absent due to an extended illness.

Guests: Mrs. Janice Gurney and Mrs. Ruth Gagne.

Call to order: Chairman Ralph Gurney called the meeting to order at 7:05p.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 22 were received and read by Mr. Gurney. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, and duly seconded by Mr. McCue, the minutes of August 22 were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Loam

The Highway Department was not able to deliver loam as per the original request. An order of loam was purchased from an East Freetown merchant.

Assonet Burying Ground

Mr. McCue reported that the "No Dogs" sign at the Assonet Burying Ground was vandalized a second time, this time beyond repair. Mrs. Gagne recounted how she had discovered the sign vandalized, and then removed from the property, and subsequently discovered it in the woods on the outskirts of the cemetery. She also stated she had returned the sign to the town.

Mr. Gurney suggested that something be proposed for the next town meeting to add cemeteries to the list of properties where dogs are not allowed. Adding the walking path behind the Senior Center was also considered, but consensus was reached that that was covered under parks. Mr. McCue will meet with the Selectmen and discuss adding language relative to cemeteries to the dog by-law, and Mr. Gurney will talk to Highway Surveyor Chuck Macomber about fashioning a new sign.

Mr. McCue reported that the letters had been sent to residents on Freeman's Circle regarding the granite posts. He further reported that the Chair of the Historical Commission, Mrs. Mary Brown, had extended a verbal invitation for the members of this Committee to attend that body's next meeting to discuss the chain-link fence and the granite posts. A written invitation will be forthcoming.

Prices of Graves

A discussion will be held at the next meeting on possibly raising the prices of lots and/or perpetual care.

Correspondence

A registered letter was received regarding work to be performed in the vicinity of the Richmond Cemetery.

A card will be sent to Mr. Chace from the Cemetery Committee.

Next Meeting

A meeting will be posted for Monday, November 21, 2005 at 7:00p at the Senior Center.

Meeting Adjourned

Upon motion of Mr. McCue, duly seconded by Mr. Gurney, the Committee voted to adjourn at 7:22p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue
Secretary