

**Freetown Cemetery Committee**  
Minutes of the Monday, April 3, 2006 Meeting  
Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Upstairs Conference Room  
227 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

**Present:** Ralph Gurney, Chairman; and Mike McCue, Secretary, and Harris Chace.

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Mrs. Elly Chace and Harris Chace, Jr.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of November 21, 2005, were received and read by Mr. Gurney. Upon a motion made by Mr. McCue, and duly seconded by Mr. Gurney, the minutes of November 21 were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Mr. McCue reported that because of the proximity of Dr. Byers' new house to the cemetery property line, he and Fire Chief Wayne Haskins walked the wooded area behind the shed and determined the location on the riverbank from which the fireworks are launched must move approximately eighty feet closer to Route 24, and trees will need to be cleared to accommodate this. Mr. Gurney questioned how the trees would be removed. Mr. McCue replied that he would try and assemble volunteers to remove the trees at no cost. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney and duly seconded by Mr. McCue, the committee voted to allow the removal of trees.

Mr. Gurney reported that the fence separating the cemetery from Freeman's Circle had been damaged by a fallen tree during a storm over the winter, and that the tree originated from private property. He asked if the owner could be contacted about having their insurance cover the repair of the fence.

Mr. McCue reported that he had inquired with the Board of Selectmen to see if someone enrolled on the senior tax work-off program could repair the loose stones on the left pillar at the entrance to the cemetery.

**Small Cemeteries**

Mr. Gurney inquired as to the progress on cleaning out the Richmond Cemetery. Mr. McCue responded that the work would take place soon now that the winter has subsided.

Mr. McCue reported that he had heard the small graveyard at St. Bernard's Church/South Church would be worked on by members of that congregation later in the month.

Mr. Gurney asked about the cemetery located near railroad tracks in the vicinity of Braley Road. Mr. Chace replied that this was the DeMoranville Cemetery. Mr. Gurney will take a ride out to the cemetery and make sure that a nearby gravel operation does not encroach on the cemetery.

**Finance Committee**

Mr. Gurney reported that he met with the Finance Committee on March 28 to discuss the FY07 budget and to inform that committee of the serious financial condition of the cemeteries. Mr. McCue was in attendance as a Finance Committee member.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence was received.

**Next Meeting**

A meeting will be posted for Monday, June 5, 2006 at 7:00p at the Senior Center.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael T. McCue  
Secretary