

Jan 14, 1997 Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Assonet Town Hall

A meeting of The Cemetery Commissioners for the Town of Freetown was held in the foyer of the Freetown Town Hall on Main Street in Assonet, MA. on Tuesday evening, January 14, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Ralph Gurney, Harris H. Chace & Harriett Parker. Mrs. Eleanor Chace also sat in.

The minutes of the last meeting on October 8th, 1996 were read and approved.

The article written for The Town Report was discussed (I think I should mail Ralph and Harris a copy, and have the only one.)

There were no communications except the request for FY 1998 Budget figures.

from the Finance Committee and the reminder that articles for the Town Meeting should be prepared. These two items we had come together at this time prepared to handle.

Under old business, it was reported that some gravel has been put in as a base for some of the new roads in the area of sections 22 and 23. The finish coats and tarring of these roads will be done by Mr. Sommers, highway surveyor, in the spring. That work will use up most of the first \$500.⁰⁰ that we withdrew from the Special Revenue Account. It was voted to ask for another \$5,000. to be released to us to finish out the seeding and laying out of the new sections we are preparing from the present cemetery north of sections 18 and 19. Mrs. Parker will prepare the request for the article and ask the selectmen's secretary, Linda Lyman, to have the Selectmen present it at the Town Meeting. (If they do it, we don't have to get signatures) (This money can only be used for the cemetery, but we have to get the Town Meeting to OK it)

Marc St. Laurent is disposing of cemetery debris, old flowers, etc. at our own compost site.

We then discussed the budget for FY 96. We have asked for \$1500. for FY 96 and FY 97. This money is used in conjunction with our Perpetual Care Funds for the upkeep of the cemeteries. Some of our upkeep can not be

charged against the P.C. Funds. We felt that we should ask for \$2,000. This year with \$100. more to each end of town. (Assonet. 700. East Freetown \$1300. No P.C. funds in E.F.) These requests will be prepared and turned in to the Finance Committee.

We are cooperating with a Boy Scout Troop in the Dr. Daley Road area to try to get permission for them to clean up the private cemetery off Dr. Daley Road. We have no jurisdiction but may be able to help in contacting the owners - members of the Heath Family, who no longer live in town. I will contact Eleanor White Townsend for an address for Dwight Heath. John Ashley and Andy Sprunger may be able to help.

Ralph Hursey has been contacted by Merrill Snell who would like Marc St. Laurent to spend some more of their money as their interest is adding up. They need a gate and some work done. This is a unique situation. This small lovely Evans Cemetery, off Narrows Road was well endowed by the Evans Family and Clarence H. Clark. Clarence arranged with Marc St. Laurent to do the job with the Town Cemetery Commissioners to keep track of expenditures. The Evans Family Cemetery has its own Board of Trustees which Merrill asked that we record with our records. They are Merrill Snell of East Freetown, Gail Hotz of Lakewood, Beverly (Snell)

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Scudder of Osterville and Burton Chase of
Rumford, Rhode Island. They meet once
a year and the next person in line is
Jane Snell Darling of East Free Town, (Merrill's
daughter,

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Harnett C. Parker, Clerk