



Town of Freetown

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 27, 1999

A meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners for the town of Freetown was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Parker, 15 Chace Road in East Freetown on Tuesday evening, April 27th, 1999 at 7:00p.m.. Ralph E. Gurney, Harris H. Chace and Harriett C. Parker. Mrs. Eleanor Chace attended as an observer. The meeting had been properly posted and was handicapped accessible. Our maps and files are kept here as there is no place for them at Town Hall. Also we take calls from people looking for cemetery lots and other cemetery business throughout the week. Plans were put in place to make ready for first mowings for 1999 season. We will start with Mother's Day on May 9th, 1999.

We went into an immediate discussion of the Evans Cemetery. Ralph brought a note from Merrill Snell detailing what his aunt wants done. They have plenty of money. I am to check what money is available, see Marc and take care of the problem. Ralph may help with the entrance gate and will report back to Merrill. Ralph Gurney and I to follow up next week on this and Section 20 S.

Ralph Gurney reported he had seen some log cabin spikes that might be a solution to our corner marking problems. They would be durable, but might need a metal detector to find them. He will check it.

I reported the problem of flower thefts in Assonet Burying Ground. I am to speak with Chief Abbott at the Police Station about this. We can't stop it, but we can make it harder.

Harris Chace reported that he is putting in corner markers and new stones foundations. Has worked on several lots. This will help in the burial location that Ellie and I will do. Mentioned the Perry Lot and Gary Carrier.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Ralph Gurney reported he had put on lime and fertilizer. Has enough left for a treatment this fall. Soil needs building up.

Harris Chace reported that the DeMoranville young people are driving old vehicles around in the cemetery right-of-way. This is ok, but they are driving right across the center of the cemetery and have cut a track through there. I am to get in touch with Dennis about this and see if together we can instill a little respect for the cemetery in them, Ralph and I will drive up to see this for ourselves.

We discussed the Fourth of July problem. The state has drawn up very strict rules about the distances that must be maintained by the people setting off and watching the fireworks. We voted to allow the recreations committee to try to work out something using the North edge of the cemetery at the river's edge and opposite Hathaway Park. See notes several pages back.

Mrs. Parker is to check with Steve Dooney on our various accounts held by the town. Present town reports are not as clear as they used to be.

Mrs. Parker is to get in touch with Marc St. Laurent to see that he is ready for the season. Marc has retired from Acushnet Company the Golf Ball Division and should be readily available. Tell him to check with Ralph or Harris for technical questions.

Check recent town reports and see what is available in them.

The meeting was over at 9:00p.m.

Next meeting will be held at 7:00p.m. here on June 1, 1999 Tuesday evening.

Respectfully submitted

Harriett C. Parker, Clerk