



Town of Freetown

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 21, 2000

A meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners for the Town of Freetown was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Parker, 15 Chace Rd. on Monday evening, Aug. 21st at 7:00p.m. Mrs. Parker, Ralph Gurney and Harris H. Chace were in attendance. Mrs. Harris Chace was here as an observer.

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Town Hall and was posted in the Standard Times. The location was posted as handicapped accessible.

This was our first meeting since June of 1999. We have taken no informal votes but have each carried out our assignments as we had planned. Cemetery lots have been sold as needed. All monies received have been turned over to the Town Treasurer and deeds given to purchasers of lots.

Each of us has fielded questions as they came up. We reviewed the arrangements for care of the various lots.

Gordon Helme is now taking care of Veterans Services which includes flags on Veteran's graves. No complaints this year. We will all check next May.

Mr. Gurney reported on his efforts to get a right of way on New Bedford Water Works property for the Braley Rd. Cemeteries. I think they call that Chipaway now. The railroad divided the Braley's Cemetery when it was put in. Where the Braley's Station area was the pipeline from the pumping station to New Bedford.

Ralph Gurney is handling this. He wanted a motion made and passed to accept the right of way in to the west cemetery if and when it is offered. They wish to give the right of way to the town. As they are also surveying for the up grading of the water line down Braley Rd. this seems like a good time. Ralph envisions a 20' right-of-way on the west side of the New Bedford Water Works property which will go right to the cemetery. Ralph has a letter from our Selectmen stating their agreement. Now we wait for the New Bedford City Solicitor. The motion was made and carried that we would sign for the town of Freetown.

We discussed other problems and indicated action taken. Ralph spoke of the shed door and we O.K. his plan. (In Assonet) He also spoke of some of the private cemeteries in town, a warning of several agricultural pursuits that are hitting cemeteries. Harris spoke of some conversations he had had in Assonet with people in the cemetery. Nothing has reached the point of a formal complaint.

We decided to hold a meeting in early October to follow up on some of these things. Adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Harriett C. Parker, Clerk
Board of Cemetery Commissioners