



Town of Freetown

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 17, 2001

A meeting of the Cemetery Committee for the Town of Freetown was held on May 17, 2001 at 7:00p.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Parker on Chace Road in East Freetown. The meeting was duly advertised and handicapped accessible.

Ralph Gurney, Harris Chace and Harriett Parker were present. Mrs. Harris Chace also attended.

The minutes of the Dec. 5th, 2000 meeting were read and approved.

A brief discussion of a map that Ralph brought in showing a layout of a lot that Dr. Byers, the dentist is sub dividing. The back side, west side, of this lot will abut our east bound. Filed it. The lot will be accessed from Rte. 79.

We then discussed the possibility of a rubbish disposal run to the Freetown Recycling Center on West Howland Road. Ordinarily Mark St. Laurent does not charge for his truck while mowing in Assonet. We will authorize him to make a trip with the barrels as needed at a reasonable rate for himself and truck. Paul Bourgeois will supply us with a key and indicate a place where we can dump the barrels without sorting the contents. The weekly trash pick-ups (Borges's trucks) could not pick up because there is too much dirt in them. SEMASS does not like that, besides the cemetery trash and artificial flowers, etc. we are receiving household trash, even an old air conditioner that is being lugged down and put in our barrels. Mr. Gurney took a pick up truck load out of there. He should not be doing that.

It has been suggested that we not put barrels out, but that would be a disaster. It was also suggested that we put up a gate and lock it.

Many people who have family buried there like to go down and spend some time communing with loved ones who have departed. They go when it is convenient for them.

Mr. Gurney suggested we have some signs saying, "No Dumping" made. He will talk with Mr. Simmons, the highway surveyor. Other departments work well with us. We try to get along. We also try to work within our budget and keep expenses down.

Mr. Gurney reported on the right-of-way problem at the cemeteries in Braley's. These are two one on each side of the track. The railroad caused a problem when it went through it in the 1860's. We had hoped to help out there but that became a problem when the TJX warehouse deal fell through and the new water line and pumping station was lost. New Bedford was working with us up to that time. We adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriett C. Parker, Clerk