

Town of Freetown

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 20, 2002

A meeting of the Cemetery Committee for the Town of Freetown was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Parker at 15 Chace Road in East Freetown on March 20, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was duly advertised and handicapped accessible. Cemetery files and maps are here as we answer questions throughout the week pertaining to the cemeteries. Present at the meeting were Ralph Gurney, Harris H. Chace and the newly elected, Elton Ashley III. Mrs. Robert Parker sat in as a consultant. Mrs. Harris Chace was an observer.

Mr. Gurney presided. He reported on correspondence from the Town Clerk asking that all meeting notices and the minutes of all meetings should be filed with the Town Clerk in a timely manner. This will be taken care of. The minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2001 were read and approved.

Mr. Gurney reported that he went to the hearing on Dr. Byers petition to subdivide. His only concern was that it not interfere with the area we have just established for the 4th of July fireworks. The town can no longer send them up from Hathaway Park with people so close. The town owns the land between the cemetery ant the river so they gained access to that shore through the cemetery and closed people out of the cemetery so they would not be endangered. Ralph felt it looked okay.

Ralph also reported that he had talked to Marc St. Laurent about fertilizing one-fourth of the cemetery this spring with the idea that if we do this for four consecutive years it will all have been done. We all thought this was a good idea. Marc will go ahead with this.

Ralph Gurney and Harriett Parker will go to the cemetery soon to straighten out the numbering of Section 22, changed by a wet spot near the drain for the road. Mr. Ashley may join us for an orientation trip and to familiarize with the layout of the cemetery. We discussed maps of the cemetery. We all should have access to the key ones.

Mr. Ashley reported that he has filed a form with the Town Clerk, stating that he will be working for the Freetown Police Dept. and serving on the Cemetery Committee, an unpaid position in the town. This is for the Ethics Commission to review.

The next meeting will be on Tharsday evening, June 4th 2002 at 7:00 p.m. here at 15 Chace Road. The files will still be here while I answer questions for funeral directors, lot holders, buyers and genealogy buffs.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriett C. Parker