

**Freetown Cemetery Committee**  
Minutes of the Monday, August 22, 2005 Regular Meeting  
Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Upstairs Conference Room  
227 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

**Present:** Ralph Gurney, Chairman; and Mike McCue

**Absent:** Harris Chace.

**Guests:** Mrs. Elly Chace and Harris Chace, Jr.

**Call to order:** Chairman Ralph Gurney called the meeting to order at 7:00p.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of June 20 were received and read by Mr. Gurney. Upon a motion made by Mr. McCue, and duly seconded by Mr. Gurney, the minutes of June 20 were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

**Loam**

A request was made that more loam be provided for use in the cemeteries. The Highway Department will be asked to deliver some loam where needed.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Mr. McCue reported that work has been completed on the re-computerization of the records, and that the new books will be available at the next meeting.

Mr. Gurney reported that following the vote at the previous meeting to reduce the number of trash barrels from six to three, Mr. Borges repositioned the barrels in locations that would be more convenient for pick-up, and would allow the number of barrels to remain at six. This was agreed to on general consensus.

A complaint was received by Mrs. Ruth Gagne about activities in the cemetery, including the presence and walking of dogs. Mr. McCue contacted the Highway Surveyor, Chuck Macomber, and requested that a "No Dogs" sign be posted at the entrance to the cemetery if Mr. Macomber received approval from a second member.

Mr. Gurney reported that the sign had been vandalized with white spray paint within a few days of its erection. Mr. McCue stated that he had visited the cemetery this morning and cleaned the sign, making it clearly legible again.

Mr. McCue presented a proposed letter to the abutters of the cemetery on Freeman's Circle expressing the Historical Commission's concerns regarding the safety of the granite posts that mark that boundary, and reminding homeowners that the posts and any property between them and the fence are town property. The letter was read and approved as read, and will be mailed out later this week.

**Correspondence**

An e-mail was received from Ms. R. Darlene Johnson of Columbia, Mo., inquiring about the Chace Cemetery. A response will be sent to her with contact information.

**Next Meeting**

A meeting will be posted for Monday, September 19, 2005 at 7:00p at the Senior Center.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Upon motion of Mr. Gurney, duly seconded by Mr. McCue, the Committee voted to adjourn at 7:27p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: Michael T. McCue  
Secretary