

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Monday, March 7, 2016 Meeting
Town Hall, Taunton Hill, Assonet, Mass.

Present: Keven Desmarais, Adrienne Levesque, and Mike McCue.

Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 7, 2015, and February 1, 2016, were received. A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Review Storm Damage from Gale of February 24th/25th

Mr. McCue reviewed notes he made on storm damage, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. He noted that in the coming years, it may be necessary to seek more money for tree removal, particularly at the Mother's Brook property as there are condominium buildings very close to the property lines. He also noted Durfee Tree Service would be consulted about trees at the Evans and Winslow cemeteries.

Review FY17 Budget

Discussion was held on the budget submitted for FY17. The budget submitted showed an increase of \$2,770 over FY16. This was based on the bids received in February and the initial review by the Town Administrator/Procurement Officer. Mr. McCue noted that the commission's presence had been requested at the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 p.m. to discuss having the Highway Department assume mowing all of the cemeteries. Brief discussion was held on the various alternatives and what their results might be.

Discussion was also held on the Nichols Cemetery project. As of right now, that project is at a standstill.

It was noted, as during the discussion on the gale, that money would be needed in the future for tree work.

Assonet Burying Ground

Mr. Desmarais stated he was keeping an eye on the southerly property line and would at some point address the encroachment from the neighbors before it gets too far out of hand.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

The decision was made to aim for Patriots Day as the day for East Freetown site walks.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Chairman

