

**Freetown Cemetery Commission**  
Minutes of the Tuesday, July 5, 2016 Meeting  
Town Hall, Taunton Hill, Assonet, Mass.

RECEIVED  
FREETOWN TOWN CLERK  
2016 SEP 13 AM 9:51

**Present:** Keven Desmarais and Mike McCue.

**Absent:** Adrienne Levesque.

**Call to order:** Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m..

**Approval of Minutes**

No minutes were presented.

**Discuss Creation of a Volunteer Caretaker/Sexton Position**

Mr. Desmarais expressed his desire to create an "official" volunteer position for Richard Brown so that he would have some backing to the decisions he makes when volunteering in the cemetery. Essentially, this would ensure that there's no question he is acting on our behalf when disposing of broken decorations or tending to plantings on lots. Mr. Desmarais asked what could be done.

Mr. McCue responded that the Cemetery Commission is only empowered to appoint a single superintendent for cemeteries town-wide, and that this had been done in June. This could be amended to allow the commission to appoint caretakers of individual properties, but not until the next town meeting. Mr. Desmarais wished to get this done as soon as possible rather than waiting until the fall. Mr. McCue suggested asking the selectmen to consider appointing Mr. Brown as a volunteer caretaker. This could be done at the next available selectmen's meeting rather than waiting several months.

On consensus, Mr. Desmarais will discuss the matter with Mr. Brown and, if Mr. Brown is agreeable, a letter will be sent to the Board of Selectmen.

**Tree Work**

Bruce Durfee has agreed to do tree work in the Assonet, Evans, and Winslow cemeteries when time permits.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned without vote at 5:10 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael T. McCue, Chairman