

**Freetown Cemetery Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, December 5, 2016 Meeting  
Town Hall — Assonet, Mass.

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**Present:** Adrienne Levesque and Mike McCue.

**Absent:** Keven Desmarais.

**Call to order:** Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**Receipt of Minutes / Superintendent's Report**

Minutes of November 7th were received. The Superintendent's Report for November, including the schedule of bills paid since the previous meeting, was also received.

**Discussion on Tree Work**

Mr. McCue provided updates on pending and ongoing tree work; specifically, that the work at Mother's Brook Cemetery is nearing completion and the work at Braley's Station will be planned for FY18 unless funds become available late in this fiscal year.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Mr. McCue reported that the sheriff's department had contacted Mr. Desmarais about reviewing the work to be done to clean the veterans' stones, but had not yet followed up with him as planned. No new information was available regarding the firebreak or the fence.

**Update on Goats**

Mr. McCue reported the goats had been booked for one week beginning May 17, 2017. Most likely they will be started out in an area of the Nichols Cemetery with few or no headstones as a test. The goats are estimated to be able to clear a quarter-acre in one week; the Nichols Cemetery is an estimated 1.10 acres.

**Updates on Restoration Projects**

Brief discussion was held on the Robinson and State Forest cemeteries with no changes reported. With the Durfee-Hathaway Cemetery, a letter was received from Christine Johansen permitting access to the cemetery by crossing her land. In addition, it was agreed to ask Mr. Desmarais to contact Stop & Shop about the two cemeteries on their property which were cleaned up in 2004 and are now overgrown again.

**Discussion on FY18 Budget**

Mr. McCue stated an effort would be made to keep the budget level. Small increases may be necessary based on prior bids or needed changes, but the goal will be level.

**Any Other Business Properly Before the Commission**

Unless something unusual arises, there will be no meeting in January or February of 2017.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque, seconded by Mr. McCue, to adjourn at 4:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

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