

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Monday, October 4, 2021 Meeting
Town Hall — Assonet, Mass.

Present: Adrienne Levesque and Mike McCue were present at the Town Hall. Keven Desmarais was present by phone.

Absent: None.

Call to order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Receive Minutes & Superintendent's Reports

Minutes of the previous meeting were received, as were the Superintendent's reports for June, July, August, and September. A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to accept all as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Seasonal Labor

Mr. McCue reported that Owen Borges was unsure if he would return in 2022, leaning toward not returning. This was for a variety of reasons, pay and workload being considerations. Mr. Desmarais asked if the budget would support a second employee, Mr. McCue stated it would not. Discussion ensued on whether to advertise again in the spring, or try to have the position folded into the Highway Department. No decision will be made until Mr. Borges makes a final decision.

Assonet Burying Ground

Discussion was held on the warrant article proposing a new shed for the Assonet Burying Ground, including the timeline for installation and location for installation. Jeff Chandler, Building Inspector, has determined that the "old" shed (1895) cannot be repaired. Mr. Desmarais suggested waiting until spring to have the shed installed, at which time the exterior could be painted and the interior sealed. Further discussion will take place at future meetings.

On the subject of the new flagpole, Mr. Desmarais is still in contact with Cody Velozo, and the project is still progressing.

Discussion on Outside Services

Discussion was held on whether the Highway Department should assume opening graves now that they an employee with experience. Further discussion will be held in the future.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Chairman

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