

Freetown Cemetery Committee

Minutes of the Monday, November 21, 2005 Regular Meeting
Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Upstairs Conference Room
227 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

- Present:** Ralph Gurney, Chairman; and Mike McCue, Secretary
- Absent:** Harris Chace was again absent due to an extended illness.
- Guests:** None.
- Call to order:** Chairman Ralph Gurney called the meeting to order at 7:00p.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 19 were received and read by Mr. Gurney. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, and duly seconded by Mr. McCue, the minutes of September 19 were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Assonet Burying Ground

Mr. McCue reported that a new “No Dogs” sign at the Assonet Burying Ground had been placed and remained intact. He stated the sign had been placed much closer to the road this time, so it was neither secluded nor as easily vandalized. The condition of the trash barrels was questioned, and it was reported that the barrels had been emptied before Veterans’ Day and were supposed to be emptied again sometime following the holiday. Chuck Macomber has been taking care of this.

Mr. Gurney reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Historical Commission to address their concerns about the chain-link fence separating the cemetery from the homes on Freeman’s Circle. He said the Historical Commission would like to see the fence moved, and his response was that this board does not currently have the funds necessary to undertake such a project. The issue will be revisited in the spring.

A bill was signed recently for Mark St. Laurent to pay him for maintenance he did on the cemetery for the close of the season, as well as a tree taken down in the Evans Cemetery on Narrows Road.

Prices of Graves

It was decided not to increase the prices of graves at the present time, but to continue soliciting perpetual care donations.

Richmond Cemetery

Mr. McCue asked who was responsible for maintenance of the Richmond Cemetery since it is becoming overgrown. Mr. Gurney replied that the town is responsible for cemeteries in which veterans are buried, and often takes care of these small graveyards when necessary. Mr. McCue will assemble volunteers to do necessary maintenance at the Richmond Cemetery.

Other Small Cemeteries

Mr. Gurney noted a desire to see some of the other smaller cemeteries in the town maintained, such as the one across from St. Bernard’s and the one behind the Assonet Inn. Mr. McCue stated he had tried to locate the cemetery behind the Inn on several occasions, but had not had any luck. He will seek out someone familiar with the area.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Next Meeting

No meetings will be scheduled until the spring, unless issues arise during the winter involving burials when snow is on the ground.

Meeting Adjourned

Upon motion of Mr. McCue, duly seconded by Mr. Gurney, the board voted to adjourn at 7:20p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue
Secretary