

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Monday, December 1, 2008 Meeting
Town Barn, 201 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

Present: Ralph Gurney, Adrienne Levesque, and Mike McCue.

Absent: None.

Call to order: Chairman Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 7:05p.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 6th and October 27th were received and read by Mr. McCue. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, the minutes were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Assonet Burying Ground

Mr. McCue reported that he had spoken with Rex Monuments earlier in the day. Their workload this fall had been heavy, and the weather was no longer agreeable to the epoxy they would be using, so they are planning to come in the spring. All felt that this was reasonable.

Bryant Street Cemeteries

Mr. McCue reported that a presentation had been made at the Board of Selectmen's meeting with regard to the proposed quarry on Bryant Street. He stated the neighbors of this site were interested in the cemeteries that are supposed to be in the vicinity. Since this commission does not have any records on them, the information at the Historical Society will be copied and forwarded to the neighbors and to the Selectmen.

East Freetown Cemetery

Mr. McCue reported that he had found a layout of this cemetery in a box of maps given to him by Mrs. Harriet Parker. The layout establishes 60-foot-wide roads and eight-grave lots measuring 21'x21'. He felt that this map may be a good start toward developing that cemetery.

Mr. Gurney agreed, and felt that this cemetery may be needed in the next couple of years as the Chace Cemetery nears capacity. He asked that copies of the map be brought to the next meeting. Mr. McCue will trace the existing map and try to lay out smaller lots in place of the eight-grave lots. It was also decided to ask Dave Cass to fix the corners of this cemetery in the spring.

Evans Cemetery

Mr. Gurney turned in a bill from Greg Myers for fall clean-up at the Evans Cemetery in the amount of \$480.00.

Plummer Burying Ground

Mr. McCue reported that Rick Bowie has offered to have his landscapers mow the edge of this cemetery, between the stone wall and the two roads, and this was acknowledged with much gratitude. Discussion continued briefly on past attempts to clean up this cemetery, and Mr. McCue noted that both the Boy Scouts and the Knights of Columbus have expressed an interest in it.

White Cemetery

The grant agreement with the White Cemetery, as approved at the October 27th Special Town Meeting, was signed in triplicate. One copy will stay with the Cemetery Commission, and one each will be filed with the Town Clerk and the Town Accountant.

Winslow Cemetery

Mr. McCue reported that the Boy Scouts had completed a substantial amount of the work to be done at the Winslow Cemetery, and they may return in the spring to do more work. Roger Guimond has also taken some dead trees and branches from this cemetery. With regard to soliciting the state for perpetual care money, Mr.

McCue reported that the current recession had nixed most of the hope for that plan. Instead, he will ask for \$600.00 to be added to the Cemetery Commission budget to see if this cemetery can be mowed two or three times in 2009.

Next Meeting

A meeting will be posted for Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Barn.

Meeting Adjourned

Upon motion of Mrs. Levesque, duly seconded by Mr. Gurney, the board voted to adjourn at 7:33p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue
Chairman