

FREETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION
Minutes of the Monday, June 23, 2008 Meeting
Town Barn, 201 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

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

Call to order: Chairman Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 7:09p.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 21st were received and read by Mr. McCue. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, seconded by Mr. McCue, the minutes of May 21st were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Assonet Burying Ground

Mr. Gurney stated that it was longstanding practice that the cemetery would be mowed for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and the 4th of July. He suggested that, on account of complaints received this year, Father's Day be added to the list, and Mr. McCue agreed. Mr. Gurney also recommended that from now on, the caretakers be instructed to finish three days prior to the holidays when the weather permits, this being because most people are coming before the holidays rather than on the holidays themselves. This was consented to unanimously.

Mr. McCue reported that the Highway Department has begun bringing material to the cemetery to do the roadwork that was approved on May 21st. He also reported that all graves in Section 31 have now been sold, but there may be a single two-grave lot, Lot 47, available in Section 19. He will investigate this and will offer that to the next couple inquiring.

Mr. Gurney reported that Mrs. Ross, who owns a lot in Section 30, had been in contact regarding the mowing of the cemetery. Mr. McCue had also received calls from Mrs. Ross, and spoke with her daughter. The issue appears to be that Mrs. Ross becomes tired of waiting for the caretakers to mow the cemetery and mows her lot herself. Mr. McCue stated that he has noticed the caretakers always mow the cemetery within two days of Mrs. Ross mowing her lot, and had mentioned this to her daughter. The issue does not seem to have been resolved.

Mr. McCue reported that several fallen headstones in the older part of the cemetery had been lifted and propped up with rocks, presumably by family members. He offered to call several area monument companies and ask for a price to lift headstones that had fallen or broken in sections two through eight, the work to be paid for with Perpetual Care monies. Mr. Gurney was in agreement, and Mr. McCue will try to have prices for the next meeting.

Morton Cemetery

Mr. Gurney reported that the Marks Family on Middleboro Road has been keeping the cemetery in good shape, and does not plan to submit bills anytime in the foreseeable future. He also reported that he had made out well in repairing the iron rods that had given out.

Richmond Cemetery

Mr. McCue stated he spoke with Greg Myers about spraying the poison ivy in the cemetery, and that Roger Guimond has been removing brush.

Next Meeting

A meeting will be posted for Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Barn.

Meeting Adjourned

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

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue
Chairman