

**Freetown Cemetery Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, January 26, 2009 Meeting  
Town Barn, 201 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

**Present:** Ralph Gurney and Mike McCue.

**Absent:** Adrienne Levesque.

**Call to order:** Chairman Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 7:06p.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of December 1st were received and read by Mr. McCue. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, seconded by Mr. McCue, the minutes were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

**Budget**

Mr. McCue reported that he submitted a budget of \$5,000.00 for the Fiscal Year 2010. It was agreed that this amount is preferable, but that if the Town is truly in a financial bind, we will agree to go no lower than \$4,000.00 (the current year's budget is \$4,400.00).

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Mr. Gurney brought a box of wooden stakes, and regretfully stated that Heritage Woodwrights would be going out of business, so the supply of wooden stakes may be at its end. Mr. McCue reported that he sold two graves in this cemetery on January 2nd, and that there have been two burials during the month of January. Given the weather, Rex Monuments will not be contacted again until the spring regarding the restoration of older gravestones.

**Bryant Street Cemeteries**

Mr. McCue reported that Cape Cod Aggregates had provided the Selectmen with a letter stating that of the two cemeteries, one is on land still belonging to the Petteys, and the other is on the quarry land, but is in an area where it will not be affected by blasting.

**East Freetown Cemetery**

Mr. McCue provided the original map, and copies which were produced for the commission by Mark Logan. He corrected his earlier statement that there were 60-foot roads, noting he misread one of the numbers. They are in fact 20-foot roads north-to-south and 25-foot roads east-to-west. Dave Cass will not be contacted until the spring, given the unusually snowy weather.

**Mother's Brook Graveyard**

Resulting from an article in the *Standard-Times*, the Board of Selectmen has gotten the impression that Fall River would be willing to take over this cemetery. Mr. Gurney reported that during a previous conversation on this topic, Lynwood French suggested it may require special legislation to transfer cemetery property from one municipality to another. It was also acknowledged that Town Meeting approval may be needed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Gurney, seconded by Mr. McCue, the Selectmen will be asked to pursue this matter with Fall River, with the preferred result being that Fall River either accepts the property, or accepts responsibility for its maintenance. The motion carried unanimously.

**White Cemetery**

Mr. McCue reported the check and agreement were mailed to the White Cemetery Association, and since they have not replied, he assumes they are satisfied with the agreement.

**Winslow Cemetery**

Mr. McCue reported that Roger Guimond has offered to burn the brush in this cemetery in the spring.

**Next Meeting**

A meeting will be posted for Monday, April 27, 2009 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 7:24p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael T. McCue  
Chairman