

**Freetown Cemetery Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, June 15, 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 7:10p.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of June 8th 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.

**Assessors' Maps**

It was noted that the Assessors will likely be able to put all known cemeteries on their maps.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Mr. McCue reported that only one company had replied to the second round of inquiries about the cost of repairing headstones. Therefore, it was decided to award the project to Albanese Monuments of Westport, to do up to \$700.00 worth of work. Mr. McCue will also look at the cemetery gates to see if he can darken the letters.

A general discussion was held on the Memorial Day mowing. It was agreed that the Mother's Day mowing had been excellent, but that there had been serious issues with the Memorial Day mowing. Greg Myers has been in contact, and was given clearer directions on what is expected, especially with regard to Section 35, Potter's Field, and the grassy area along the fence.

A discussion was held on the cost of mowing, which currently rests at \$1,600.00 per mowing. Mr. Gurney stated he did not want to see anyone asked to work for less than what they needed, but felt that with the recession in full swing, it may be time to try and negotiate a lower price. Mr. McCue agreed. It was noted that Wallace DeMoranville had expressed an interest in mowing the cemetery, and would like to make an offer the next time prices are secured. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gurney, seconded by Mr. McCue, quotes for caretaking services will be solicited in the fall of 2009 for the spring and summer of 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCue mentioned that in some of the smaller towns, the Cemetery Commissioners are permitted by Town Meeting to work in the cemeteries at a set rate of pay. It was agreed that if we find ourselves in a financial bind, or if the price of gasoline rises to a point where it becomes unreasonable to donate services when necessary, we will pursue this option.

Roger Guimond will be asked to remove the trees running along the laneway from the eastern end of Section 35 east to the road running along the east side of Section 18 if he is willing. Also, Rich Levesque sent word that the VA will replace veterans' headstones that are damaged or illegible. He is working on securing replacements for several headstones of Civil War veterans.

**East Freetown Cemetery**

Dave Cass will be asked to produce a layout map of this cemetery based on last week's survey and the 1952 layout map done by Ben Evans.

**Evans Cemetery**

Mr. Gurney has not heard back from Merrill Snell with regard to the maple trees.

**Mother's Brook Graveyard**

No new information was available to report.

**Richmond Cemetery**

Mr. McCue reported that Greg Myers has been asked to finish with this cemetery by June 30th.

**Winslow Cemetery**

Wallace DeMoranville will be asked to tend to this cemetery once before June 30th to get an idea of his capabilities and price. He will also be asked to tend to the Evans Cemetery if need be.

**Next Meeting**

A meeting will be posted for Monday, July 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 7:51p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael T. McCue, Chairman