

**Freetown Cemetery Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, January 25, 2010 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 7:00p.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of November 2, 2009 were received and read by Mr. McCue.

**Retirement**

Mr. Gurney announced that he will retire when his term expires in April. He has been on the board for fifteen years, since 1995. Some in town have expressed an interest in running when any of the current members steps down, so we will be on the lookout for someone to step up.

**Index**

Mr. McCue reported the cemetery index is still being worked on.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

A bill was received from Albanese Monuments in the amount \$100.00 for repairing the Lucy Simmons monument. They will fix others in the spring. Mr. McCue reported that Greg Myers completed fall clean-ups as scheduled, and Mr. Gurney commented that this work was done well.

**East Chipaway Road cemeteries**

New Bedford has been contacted several times about creating a right-of-way to access the cemetery at Lot 31, but they have not responded. Mr. McCue reported speaking to Andy Simmons about the cemeteries at lots 29 and 29.01. Mr. Simmons stated that he mowed the Reynolds Cemetery once as a favor to his brother-in-law, who is the listed owner of the cemetery. He did not feel that they could accurately define where the private cemetery ends and the town cemetery begins, so we will need to do some clearing and cleaning of what we know for sure to be ours.

**East Freetown Cemetery**

Mr. McCue reported consulting with the Planning Board as to the name of the lane. Should we decide to change the name, we will not need a Town Meeting article since it is not a real road.

**Haskins Cemetery**

Frank Wing has expressed a desire to pass this cemetery on to the Cemetery Commission, and is reviewing this matter with his attorney. The Lakeville Cemetery Commission was also contacted, and they do not believe there is any problem on their end.

**Mother's Brook Graveyard**

Mr. McCue reported being in touch with Adam Chapdelaine in Fall River; however, nothing new has developed.

**Plummer Burial Ground**

The volunteers working in this cemetery continue to make progress. It was reported that Rick Bowie has continued doing research on the people buried here.

**Richmond Cemetery**

Mr. Gurney reported repairing the fallen headstone by setting it in place with cedar shims. He will try cleaning the back of the stone with a water and vinegar solution, as he read that that can be a good way to clean some stones without bleach.

**Winslow and Nichols cemeteries**

Mr. McCue reported being in contact with Mrs. James (Peg) Moreland of New Hampshire, whose late mother-in-law was a part owner of this cemetery. Mrs. Moreland was very interested in the cemetery and its history, and was sent copies of the information we have regarding it. Further research is being undertaken to locate some of the other heirs, as Mrs. Moreland did not recognize all of the names.

Mrs. Moreland was able to provide the name of a Mr. T. Gilbert Nichols of California, who is the son of the late Gladys W. Nichols. Mrs. Nichols resided on North Main Street in the home now owned by Jack Conway, and was the last owner of the Nichols Cemetery. Mrs. Moreland suggested that Mr. Nichols may have information regarding the Nichols Cemetery, and it was agreed that we should contact him, as well, as he is both a part owner of the Winslow Cemetery and likely now the sole owner of the Nichols Cemetery.

**Next Meeting**

A meeting will be posted for Monday, March 15, 2010 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 7:40p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

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