

**Freetown Cemetery Commission**  
Minutes of the Thursday, June 10, 2010 Meeting  
Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, Mass.

**Present:** Keven Desmarais, Adrienne Levesque, and Mike McCue.

**Call to order:** Chairman Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 6:30p.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of May 17th were not acted upon.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Bills totalling \$2,030.30 were received from the following: Carrot-Top Industries, Inc., flag holders, \$47.80; Mike McCue, Priscilla Hatheway Durfee flower bequest, \$7.50; Durfee Tree Service, spreading mulch, \$375.00; Gregory Myers, Memorial Day mowing, \$1,600.00. Upon a motion made by Mr. Desmarais, duly seconded by Mrs. Levesque, all bills except the bill for Gregory Myers were endorsed for payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was then held on the May mowings. The Potter's Field was not mowed for either holiday, which required us to enlist the aide of the Highway Department to clean up this section before Memorial Day. The left side of the main driveway has also not been mowed. Various areas, including the Receiving Tomb and front gates, have not been trimmed. The fence line and granite post line on the south and east sides of the cemetery are becoming overgrown because they are not being cut back.

For the above reasons, all felt that it was not appropriate that we should be billed the full amount of \$1,600 for the Memorial Day mowing. Upon a motion made by Mr. Desmarais, duly seconded by Mrs. Levesque, the bill for Mr. Myers was endorsed for payment in the amount of \$1,000, with the balance of \$600 to be held until the work is completed to the satisfaction of the commissioners. The motion carried unanimously.

**East Chipaway Cemetery**

Wallace DeMoranville has not yet begun work here.

**East Freetown Cemetery**

Dave Cass has been in contact, and will hopefully produce some preliminary layouts before June 30th.

**Evans Cemetery**

A bill was received from Mr. Myers in the amount of \$225.00 for the Memorial Day mowing. Upon a motion made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, this bill was endorsed for payment. The motion carried unanimously.

**Morton Cemetery**

Ralph Gurney has sent word that the Marks family would like a letter allowing them to continue mowing this cemetery at their current rate of \$250.00 per year. Upon a motion made by Mr. Desmarais, duly seconded by Mrs. Levesque, the letter will be sent. The motion carried unanimously.

**Nichols Cemetery**

Thomas Nichols has not been in contact since the quotes were sent for his review.

**Richmond Cemetery & Winslow Cemetery**

A bill was received from Mr. DeMoranville in the amount of \$325.00 for these two cemeteries for the month of May – \$125.00 for the Richmond Cemetery, and \$200.00 for the Winslow Cemetery, these being his usual rates. Upon a motion made by Mr. Desmarais, duly seconded by Mrs. Levesque, the bill was endorsed for payment. The motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens for Citizens Program**

Mr. Desmarais described a program where Citizens for Citizens will supply workers over the age of 50 for twenty hours or more per week to receive training in various jobs. The salaries for these workers are paid by the state and/or federal governments. The program was described as being similar to the former Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program. The Water Commission is presently using a worker under this new program, and the experience has been very positive. Mr. Desmarais volunteered to contact CFC and inquire as to getting a worker for the Cemetery Commission, who could perform some of our maintenance duties – in essence, act as a sort of sexton, but at no cost to the town. All felt this was a wonderful suggestion.

**Next Meeting**

No further meetings were scheduled at this time.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Levesque, the meeting adjourned at 7:04p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

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

Michael T. McCue, Chairman