

Freetown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Thursday, January 19, 2012 Meeting
City Hall, 1 Government Center, Fall River, Mass.

Present: Keven Desmarais and Mike McCue.

Absent: Adrienne Levesque.

Guests: Richard Gonsalves (Fall River Assessor) and Jorge Garcia (Engineer).

Call to order: Chairman Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 7, 2011, were passed over.

Mother's Brook Cemetery

The purpose of this meeting was to resolve an error with Fall River's assessors' maps regarding the absence of a property line dividing the cemetery from the Troy Hill Estates condominiums. The meeting originated in the Assessors Office at the City Hall in Fall River, but was quickly moved to the Planning Department.

Mr. Gonsalves asked for a description of what constituted the error. Mr. McCue produced a copy of the site plan for Troy Hill Estates Condominiums dated March 30, 1987, which showed a property line dividing the condominium property from the cemetery property, marked on the plan as "Town of Freetown Cemetery (Ministerial Lot)". He stated that is the line the Cemetery Commission would like restored.

Mr. Garcia brought up an aerial photograph on his computer showing the property lines as they currently exist in Fall River's GIS program superimposed over the photography. The stone wall along the north line of the cemetery was clearly visible, and it could be seen on the 1987 plan that the stone wall is the property line. Stone walls were also shown to be the property lines of the cemetery on a 1951 plan for the layout and construction of Route 24.

Mr. Gonsalves asked if there were any deeds relating to the property. Mr. McCue produced a copy of a deed from Samuel Lynde to the Town of Freetown dated June 2, 1710, which had been obtained from the Registry of Deeds in Taunton. He stated there were no more recent deeds for the cemetery property. Mr. Gonsalves felt the 1710 deed was sufficient. Mr. Desmarais asked if a new deed should be written and recorded giving the modern description of the cemetery, but Mr. Gonsalves felt this was not necessary.

A question was also raised as to the ownership of the Valentine Cemetery, which in Fall River's assessors' records is listed as Freetown Meetinghouse Cemetery. Mr. McCue stated that although he did not know the ownership of the cemetery, there are no records indicating it belongs to the Town of Freetown.

Next Meeting

No further meetings were scheduled.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned without vote at 12:15p.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Chairman

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This Indenture made the first day June one thousand -
 seven hundred & ten and in the ninth year of the Reign of
 Our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne of Great Britain betwixt
 Samuel Synde of Boston in New England. on the one part and
 Josiah Winslow Ralph Earle & William Winslow of Freetown
 in New England select men of said town for the town going
 on the other part witnesseth: That the said Samuel Synde
 for and in consideration of love and good will to the town
 of Freetown as also for many Gods. causes. and especially
 for that he would have the word of God preached in said town
 hath given granted and confirmed unto the said Josiah
 Winslow Ralph Earle and William Winslow select men for
 time being and their successors in said place forever for the
 uses hereafter mentioned Express A parcel of land in said town
 being part of thirteenth and part of fourteenth lots in
 town of Freetown & going westerly along the high way sixteen
 rods: and Northwesterly by said lands land. Twenty five Rods Easterly
 by said lands land sixteen Rods. and southerly twenty five Rods
 being in all two Acres and halfe an Acre (there being a
 River in said land like a Horse blood on the southerly part
 of it next the high way) being for the use of a town of free
 town for to build a substantial meeting house thereon &
 for training field and a school house and a burying place
 & for no other use what so ever Provided said town build a
 meeting house there on the premises within seven years
 after the date hereof otherwise this deed of gift to be void
 of no effect And the said Samuel Synde for himself
 his heirs Executors Administrators do hereby Covenant to
 & with the said Josiah Winslow Ralph Earle and William -
 Winslow select men of Freetown for the time being and
 their successors in said place in manner and form follow-
 ing (that is to say) that at the time of the enfolding here
 of & until the delivery of these presents the said Samuel Synde
 is the true and sole owner & stands lawfully seised of the
 above bargained premises in his own Right of a good and
 absolute Right and Inheritance in fee simple. Having full
 power and Authority to grant the same in manner aforesaid.
 and that the said Josiah Winslow Ralph Earle and William
 Winslow select men of the town of Freetown for the time
 being and their successors in said place shall deny by virtue
 of these presents unto none forth and for ever hold the same
 for the use aforesaid Express And the said Samuel Synde doth
 for himself his heirs Executors Administrators promise
 to warrant to defend the above granted premises against
 all or any person or persons that shall lawfully claim the
 same by firm or under him In witness whereof J. Samuel

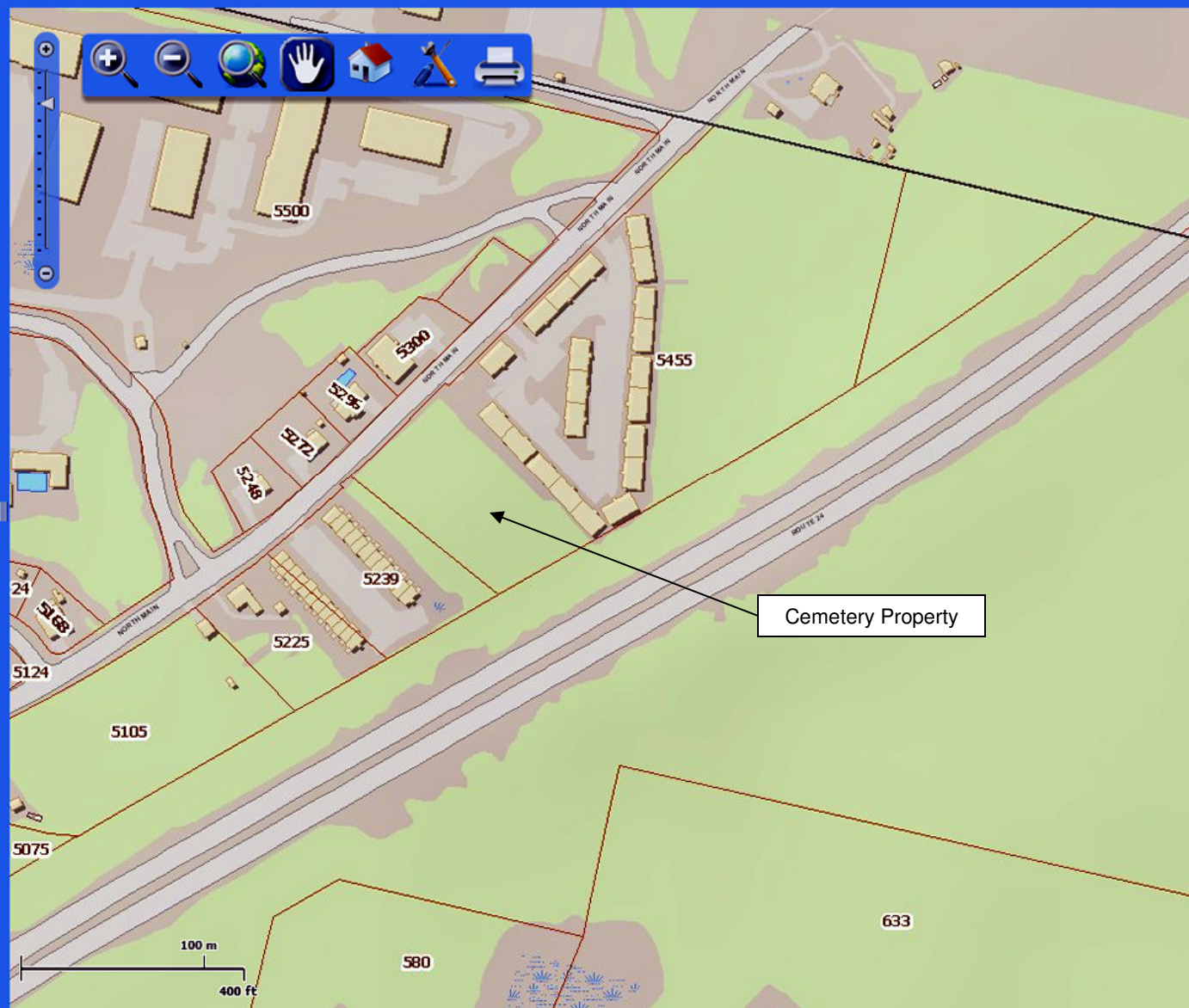
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Lynda have herunto for my hand and seal this day and
 Yonabona written
 Signed for and Believed
 In the presence of us
 Bonga Lynda
 James woods } Suffolk St 11 28th June 1710
 m^r Samuel Lynd personally appeared before us
 & subscriber one of her Majesties Justices of peace
 in the County and City of London together testified
 to be his voluntary Act and deed
 Entered June 17th 1710 } Edw 28th June
 By John Cary Notary }
 Bristol

- ☐ Zoning - Overlay Districts
- ☐ FEMA - Flood Zones (Approximate) - Lines
- ▶ ☐ Parcel Dimensions gt 1000
- ▶ ☐ Parcel Dimensions lt 1000
- ▶ ☒ Road Names
 - ☐ Parcel IDs
 - ☒ Parcels Addresses
 - ☐ Contours - 2ft
 - ☐ Fences and Walls
 - ☒ Parking Lots
 - ☒ Driveways
- ☒ Aerial Photography - 2008
- ☒ Recreation Areas
- ☐ FEMA - Flood Zones (Approximate)
- ☐ Wards and Precincts
- ☐ Zoning
- ☒ Vegetation Area



FALL RIVER - 1951 LAYOUT - SHEET 10 OF 11 SHEETS
LIMITED ACCESS

See Taking Bn. 548 B. 287

FALL RIVER DISTRICT
REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Plan No. 70.33

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