

**Freetown Cemetery Committee**  
Minutes of the Monday, June 5, 2006 Meeting  
Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Upstairs Conference Room  
227 Chace Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

**Present:** Ralph Gurney, Chairman; Mike McCue, Secretary; and Harris Chace.

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Mrs. Elly Chace and young Harris Chace.

**Call to order:** Chairman Ralph Gurney called the meeting to order at 7:35p.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of April 3, 2006, were received and read by Mr. McCue. Upon a motion made by Mr. McCue, and duly seconded by Mr. Gurney, the minutes of April 3 were approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

**Assonet Burying Ground**

Mr. McCue reported that the fence along Freeman's Circle had been repaired before he had approached the homeowners. This was much appreciated. All agreed the fence looked well in its repaired state.

Mr. Gurney stated that the cemetery could only be mowed five times during the year. It was mowed twice already for Mothers' Day and Memorial Day. It was decided to mow in late June for Father's Day and Independence Day, once again around Labor Day, and finally before Veterans' Day.

Mr. McCue inquired as to the availability of lots in the older portions of the cemetery. It was stated a handful or less might be available in Section 22. He also asked about the availability of lots along the road on which the shed is situated. Mr. Gurney stated that lots are not laid out, but can be made available.

Mrs. Chace raised the issue that the current open areas of the cemetery are running out of space. It was agreed to sell what spots are available until the removal of more trees is absolutely necessary.

**Morton Cemetery**

Mr. Gurney reported that perpetual care had been completely expended at the Morton Cemetery, and that Marc St. Laurent was no longer interested in maintaining that cemetery under the current agreement. He further stated he would attempt to contact relatives and descendants of those buried there to seek perpetual care donations. Mr. McCue suggested placing an article on the next town meeting warrant seeking funds for this and other small cemeteries. It was agreed to follow this route.

**Correspondence**

A letter will be sent to a Masonic lodge in Louisiana that has expressed interest in donating to the perpetual care principal for the Assonet Burying Ground.

A note was received from Marc St. Laurent, in which he made several requests of the Committee. First, he requested a key to the dump on Howland Road. Next, he requested a raise in the amount paid for cemetery maintenance. Finally, he requested an alternative method of billing to alleviate driving back and forth between Assonet and Freetown. He also enclosed a copy of the note for the Board of Selectmen. This copy will be relayed to the Selectmen, with their attention directed to the first request, and this Committee will keep a copy for consideration.

**Next Meeting**

A meeting will be scheduled in the future for sometime after August unless necessary beforehand.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Upon motion of Mr. McCue, duly seconded by Mr. Gurney, the board voted to adjourn at 8:00p. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael T. McCue  
Secretary