



Town of Freetown

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 1996

A meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners for the Town of Freetown was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Parker, 15 Chace Rd. on Tuesday evening, March 19, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. Harris Chace, Ralph Gurney and Harriett Parker were present. Mrs. Eleanor Chace also attended.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. (Feb. 6, 1996 meeting.)

No communications were received.

Beau Yergeaux and Marc St.Laurent have finished the first phase of the 1996 addition of burial space on the north west corner of the Assonet Burial Ground. They contracted to clear trees and brush from a space 200' by 100' and clear a path to a place where we will bury the stumps in the next phase. The road is 20' by 1600'. Also cleared 60'x100' area for stumpage. There will be a bill for \$900.00 to come. Ralph Gurney has supervised this operation and ok'd for payment.

As the next step, Ralph Gurney will talk to Mr. Joseph Simmons, Highway Surveyor for the town, to see if he has the time and manpower to stump the area. We expect to transfer money to him from our account for any services he can provide. This to be done as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Ralph will also address upgrading our entrance road and main drivers to see what suggestions Mr. Simmons has.

Mrs. Parker reported that she had had a question about the prices charged for opening graves in bad winter weather. Both Ralph and Harris said they did not think undertakers were being overcharged. We do not handle burials as a board. The undertakers contract for grave openings and can use whoever they wish. Harris Chace, who does many burials, said he is under many other towns and guides his prices by undertakers who tell him when his is too low.

Ralph Gurney reported that someone is filling our cemetery barrels with household trash. Marc St.Laurent has no place to dump our cemetery debris and this is adding to the problem. They have arranged with Mr. Borges who has the town rubbish contract to drive through the cemetery regularly and empty the barrels. I think this was done through Paul Bourgeois, Building Inspector, who is in charge of trash collections. A very good solution.

Must get to David for diagram of Section 18. Harris buried Louise Jose next to Tony Jose in Section 25A. Who is in next grave west? Is it Neville? Get a picture onto paper.

Decided to meet next on May 14th at 7:00p.m. here. Mother's Day on May 12th. All systems should kick in. Discuss systems and correct for Memorial Day, May 27th, if anything need.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriett C. Parker, Clerk