



Town of Freetown

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MAY 14, 1996

A meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners for the Town of Freetown was held in the Town Hall in Assonet on May 14, 1996 at 7:00p.m. Present were Harris Chace, Ralph Gurney and H. Parker. Mrs. Eleanor Chace observed. No other visitors.

After a reading of the minutes of the last meeting the minutes were accepted as read.

Under old business we discussed disposal of materials which can no longer be taken to the dump. Everything seems to be under control. Some to be composted and covered. To be done with least fuss and expense.

It was voted that Marc St.Laurent could use some of our town monies to purchase poison for grub control. They are a widespread problem everywhere. This will be done with approved chemicals which Marc is authorized to use.

We reviewed the money spent so far on the new price that we are opening up. Ralph and Harris are serving as a subcommittee to work out the next steps with in put from Ray Chace and Marc St.Laurent. Mr. Chace (Ray) had suggested taking out a small triangle of trees and we could get two new sections. Harris and Ralph would like to make lots a little smaller. (10 ft deep rather than 12 ft.) A two grave lot would be roughly 10'x10'. They would also like to make the sections only two lots wide with access from a road on each side so no lot will have to be driven over. We may have to use more space for roads but with graves now being dug by machine we would like this better. It was voted that they use their discretion to make the best use of the space available. It was voted that the two new sections would be numbered #24 and #25.

The state fence goes clear down to the river.

Under new business we verified that all arrangements are in place for Memorial Day.

Checked the latest report from Town Accountant, Steve. Treasury.

No important communications.

Town meeting gave us \$1800. In town money for care of cemeteries – 1200. For E.F./600.00 for Assonet. No perpetual care was ever provided for the town cemetery in East Freetown, so they need more money. Work with Michael Westgate on that.

Ralph will check with Mr. Simmons on some black top for the entrance drive when he has some black topping to do. There is a bad place where the town put a culvert under the drive way.

(Is there enough money? Should we transfer some?)

Harris reported that he has placed several government markers recently. (Cole and Donahue) For the record – I asked what it costs for the foundation and he said \$65.00. This is not our concern, but I thought it valuable information. The funeral directors order these and order the placement.

Adjourned 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriett C. Parker, Clerk