



Town of Freetown

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of December 15, 1998

A meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners for the town of Freetown was held on December 15, 1998 at 7:00p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harriett Parker, 15 Chace Road in East Freetown. Ralph E. Gurney, Harris H. Chace and Harriett C. Parker were in attendance. Mrs. Harris Chace was also present. The meeting was duly posted at the town hall and was handicapped accessible.

We have not had a formal meeting since Jan. 14, 1997 because of ill health and difficulty in getting around. However we have been in touch with each other and carried out the business of the cemeteries by phone and informal meetings at the cemetery sites when the need arose. No formal votes had to be taken in the interim and all members carried out their specific assignments as needed.

Recently it became obvious that we needed to meet and establish some new procedures. Therefore this meeting was set up to take care of these needs.

David Cass has finished a lay out in the old part of the cemetery – on the south edge. This is called Section 20 South and the lay out consists of lots 10-24 (front & back) 2 grave lots starting west of Eddy lot and extending west toward Rte. 24. Leonard Pittsley has purchased lots 22,23 and 24 for \$1,000.00. Give him a corrected deed, after running it through Town Clerk's records. This will allow me to sell to Gary Carrier a six grave lot made up of lots 19,20 and 21. The result would be a rectangle 22' by 15' with six graves. The commissioners set a price of \$1,250.00 on the lot. This price to be posted for any six grave lot to be sold at a later time.

Vote – Price of 6 grave lot shall be \$1,250.00 so voted. Price of lot \$500.00 Perpetual Care \$750.00.

Ralph Gurney then reported on progress on some of our other projects. We are pleased with the footage of black top we were able to get on the cemetery roads. Mr. Simmons did a good job on that, working it in when he did Simpsons Lane, etc. We will have more to be done in the spring on other roads, not necessarily black top.

Ralph also reported that the new section on the north edge of the cemetery has been graded and seeded. He also indicated he would like us to consider more stumping and seeding on the north edge of the cemetery – a section about ten feet wide from the shed back toward Rte. 24. It was so moved, and passed unanimously. Ralph wants to get permission to move the pile of dirt in that area and to look into putting up a gate in that area. He has found that someone is dumping tires and old plastic where Marc St.Laurent is making his compost pile. We voted that Ralph is to go ahead and do what is needed as each step becomes feasible. It was voted that he may get permission to move sand, and to negotiate with Joe Simmons, highway surveyor, about working out a gated way to our composting area. He may swap loom if Mr. Simmons needs any. This is cheaper for

both departments and for the town. He also has our permission to buy 2 bags of fertilizer and 2 bags of lime.

Several votes were taken and passed unanimously.

To buy fertilizer and lime.

To clear area back 10' from shed to Rte. 24.

To gate the right of way to the compost piles.

To move sand and loom stock pile.

To work with Mr. Simmons for the convenience of both of them and the good of the town.

Ralph and Harris discussed locust stakes to put in as temporary markers to keep survey points until people put in their corner stones. This would be a help in this area and in sections 20 south and section 22 which we will be opening soon.

We agreed that we should meet again soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriett Parker, Clerk
Board of Cemetery Comm.
Town of Freetown, Ma.