



TOWN OF FREETOWN

ASSONET, MASSACHUSETTS

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT-

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 5, 1958

The Cemetery Committee met on Monday evening, May 5, 1958, in the Freetown Town Office at 8:00 P.M. All members were present as follows:

Frank R. Wing	Precinct 1
Emil Fischer	" 2
Azel H. Chace	" 3

This meeting was called primarily to establish some regulations for the operation of the East Freetown Cemetery, a town cemetery, on the south side of Chace Road in East Freetown, Mass.

A report was made by the members that the Cemetery Land has been recently surveyed by Benjamin R. Evans, a land surveyor, and a new plan has been drawn. At this time a new "Plan of Lots" as laid out by Mr. Evans was presented and it was voted by the Committee to accept this plan.

DISCUSSION OF PRICE TO BE CHARGED FOR LOTS IN THIS CEMETERY

After considerable discussion it was decided that the lots on the South-end of the Cemetery were not as desirable as those in the middle section and in the north section and that they could be sold at a lower price.

PRICES SET AS FOLLOWS:

SOUTH SECTION OF THE CEMETERY

8-grave lots, 21 ft. x 21 ft.	Price- \$75.00 per lot No perpetual care required
4- " " (called single lots)	\$40.00 per lot No perpetual care required

MIDDLE SECTION AND NORTH SECTION

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\$100.00 per lot and
\$200.00 to be deposited for
Perpetual Care

There will also be a Pauper Section, all single graves.

The Committee voted to adopt a set of rules and regulations submitted by the By-Laws Committee of the Town of Freetown governing the Town Cemeteries, a ~~copy~~ copy of which will be attached to these records.

At this time this Cemetery has only a few graves, all single, in this Cemetery and nothing has been done for years to put this Cemetery into shape for use. This seems to be the time to get it laid out for use as it will be needed in the near future. After some discussion it was left that the members of this Committee would take care of all matters concerning the landscaping and care of lots.

The Committee discussed the matter of asking the Town at a future Town Meeting to appropriate a sum of money for use in the cemetery, particularly for laying out avenues.



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At this time the Committee took up for discussion matters pertaining to the Assonet Burial Ground, a town-owned Cemetery.

Mr. Wing reported that at a of the Cemetery Committee held on April 7, 1955 it was voted by the members holding office at that time that lots in the Assonet Burial Ground consisting of eight or ten graves should have the price raised to the sum of \$75.00 for residents of the Town of Freetown and that non-residents of the Town would be required to pay the sum of \$100.00.

At the time of this meeting on April 7, 1955 the Cemetery Com. was as follows: Frank R. Wing, Prec. 1; Emil Fischer, Prec. 2; Gustave Reinhausen, Prec. 1.

The present Committee members feel that the price of lots should be the same for all, whether they are residents or non-residents. A motion was made by Frank R. Wing and seconded by Emil Fischer that in the future the price of lots in the Assonet Burial Ground would be in the amount of \$75.00 for everyone for so-called eight and ten grave lots.

The above motion was VOTED unanimously.

Louise C. Welch, Acting Secretary
to the Cemetery Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The By-Laws Committee found on research the the Cemetery Commission has the power under General Laws Chapter 114 Section 22 to Section 24 to make rules and regulations governing cemeteries and burials.

It is recommended by the Town Counsel that whatever possible regulations should be made by the proper boards or commissions rather than by- By-Laws.

A careful analysis of regulations of other Cemetery Boards has been made and we recommend the following rules to be adopted by your Cemetery Boards.

1. Proper records shall be kept of all commitments.
2. Suitable Plots or Plans shall be kept and made available.
3. No interments shall be made except in a vault or liner.
4. No monument, headstone or step shall be constructed of any material other than stone. No artificial material will be permitted.
5. All work to be done by people not employed by the Department must be submitted to the superintendent for approval before commencing, and approval of the work must be obtained when the work is finished.
6. Immediately upon the completion of any work on lots all surplus material must be removed by those doing the work. Avenues or lots other than the ones upon which the work is being done must not be occupied but must be kept clear at all times.
7. Improper trespass, vandalism, or other illegal act shall subject the offender to liability of arrest and prosecution in the Courts.
8. Burial lots needing improvements may, in the discretion of the Commissioners, be duly improved by the Commissioners at the expense of the said lot owners or their legal representative if they can be found; otherwise at a reasonable expense to the Town.

And whatever other rules and regulations your Committee deems necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester O. Frew

Robert D. Kasmire

Alton P. Walker

By-Laws Committee, Town of Freetown, Mass.