

Cemetery Commission-Town of Francestown
Minutes of Meeting of June 12, 2020

Present: Board Members Polly Freese, Ethel Mac Stubbs and Bridget Howell

Other attendees: Abigail Arnold and Ruth Berhrsing

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes of April 17, 2020 reviewed. Polly suggests change in minutes to more precisely describe services of Andrew Grant as to tree issue. Agreed. Minutes approved unanimously, subject to Polly's correction.

1. Miller bill for turning on water was \$195. It was submitted to Select Board and paid. Re: Cemetery Budget account - 4195-05 (cemetery repairs).

2. Winter access to Cemetery. Trustees agree that space/opening in stone wall for pedestrians will be created to facilitate access in winter. Location will a few feet north of north gate. Polly reports Chris Stewart will do it for not more than \$300. Trustees unanimously agree to hire Chris to do this.

3. McLane plot and burial. Polly determined there is room in "McLane" plot for 2 burials. She is still waiting for call back from relation to proceed.

4. Revising Rules. In email to Trustees, Abigail suggested that in next revision of rules we need to consider that cemetery rules should reflect modern times and mores (and diversity) in both decorations and decorum. She is also concerned about equal enforcement of regulations. Discussion ensued about possible changes. Motion made and unanimously approved for Bridget to draft some language to start process of modifying rules.

5. Email to Select Board from Christina Wohle regarding marker (Cyr marker) being moved and problems with condition of the cemetery landscaping/lawn care. Ethel also reports that Cemetery 2 not mowed and looks terrible.

RE: Marker. Polly reports that marker has been put back by Derek but it is not clear who moved it. Trustees agree Derek should be asked to come to next meeting to answer questions about condition of grounds. Polly will ask Derek to come. Bridget will email Christina to tell her we are pursuing this issue with Derek.

6. Headstone of Caroline Murray. Polly reports Perry Monument will straighten it.

7. Ether says granddaughter of Ed Jones asked if memorial bench could be installed at family expense in Cemetery 3. Trustees agree, after viewing site, if family: i) will agree to put it at end of aisle bordering west boundary of gravesite (backing up to stone wall), and ii) give Trustees discretion to determine if size and design of bench is appropriate.

New Business: Bridget points out Gov. Sununu's lifting of Covid "9 or less" policy on June 11, 2020 makes our Covid policy obsolete. Trustees agree to review policy next meeting.

Agreed next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 12:10 p.m.