

**FRANCESTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2022 MEETING (FINAL)**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. Present: Polly Freese, Ethel Mac Stubbs and Bridget Howell.

Review of minutes of May 17- approved with corrections.

- Peterborough Marble and Granite Works (per Mr. Kaufhold) has given us some new prices (some higher, some lower) for services as to purchase of corner markers, which have been incorporated by Town Administrator in a revised "Schedule of Lot Fees." The revised schedule has been posted on town website under Cemetery Commission.
- Corner markers are needed for lots sold to Osters and we need to tell them in note when we give deed to them or notify Jessica Cloutier who is our contact with them. Gordons have been notified.
- Some stones were lying at obtuse angles and needed fixing. Fixed. We paid Mr. Kaufhold \$150 for his company's work. This money will come out of Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund. Ethel will prepare request to Trustees to pay.
- Deeds were signed and approved by Select Board for following families: Pope, Gordon, Oster and Dawidoff. Will be mailed today
- Military service flag. Priscilla Putnam asked Polly to take flag away from John Todd grave (who died in 1858) because he did not serve in U.S. armed forces – it was another John Todd whose grave location is not currently known (although he is in town history). Polly will ask Scott to do it.
- Mowing of cemetery – there was complaint to Bryant landscaping and on FB about long grass in May. The reason not mowed is many people like the wild flowers in May and due to environmental reasons. Trustees agree that Spring mowing policy going forward will be that mowing will be delay in Spring until the week immediately preceding Memorial Day.
- Abigail Arnold and Shirley Jones passed away. Ethel says Jones family will bury cremains later in summer. She will find out status of Arnold family burial.
- Flag put on Kevin Mc Sweeney's grave per family's request.
- Burial will be July 16 at 10:00 am for Timothy "Jack" Dowd. Parents are Douglas Dowd and Lori Buchanan. Cremains are to go on top of those of Douglas Dowd. Deceased is nephew of our former Chief, Mike Dowd.
- Certificate of liability insurance came in because our Sexton is using different grave excavators. Ethel filed in folder marked "certificate of liability insurance".

Carol and Sara Richard, mother and daughter, clean gravestones for \$50 a grave. Their number is 603 487-2533. Polly notes they have done many for free for us. Trustees agree worthwhile to spend \$600 this year to clean lichen off older stones. Polly will ask them about this task and ask them if they want their phone number on our website.

Meeting ended at noon.

