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PERU CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

Saturday, July 31, 2021. Meeting begins at 11:00am

Peru Community Center, 3 E Main Rd, Peru, MA 01235

Agenda

1. Call to order, Roll call
2. Acknowledgement of meeting recording status.
3. Finalization of minutes from May 1, 2020 meeting
4. Contact by Tom Parker regarding Samuel Parker's grave - J. Kenney
5. Update on planning for the 250th Celebration - J. Kenney  
    Call for photographs for the Sestercentennial Book and Celebration Program.
6. Center Cemetery: Review of updated proposal for map and status of mapping
7. South Cemetery: Request for lot assignment
8. Contributing to the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration
  - Proposals for writing the 1995 – 2021 Update
  - Selecting and writing biographies of Peru history and notable residents.
  - Contributions to Peru Live Wire.
9. Planning for next Cemetery Commission Meeting or Commission activities
10. Any Other Business: Proposed Cemetery Rules to be review at next meeting
11. Adjourn Meeting

Posted July 16, 2021 @ 8:05 am by *Kim Leach, Town Clerk*

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## **CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

July 31, 2021

**Present:** Jim Kenney, Chairman  
Daryl Darby, Member/Cemetery Sexton  
Irene Morrison, Member  
**Absent:** Gladys Wheeler, Member

1. **Call to order, Roll call:** J. Kenney called the meeting to order at 11:00am. Roll call was taken.
2. **Acknowledgement of meeting recording status:** This meeting was not recorded
3. **Finalization of minutes from May 1, 2021 meeting:** This item was inadvertently skipped and will carry over to the next meeting.
4. **Contact by Tom Parker regarding Samuel Parker's grave** - J. Kenney explained that Tom Parker from Williamstown had contacted him through the town's webpage to ask about headstone repair at the grave of Samuel Parker, who died in 1814. Jim offered to meet with Mr. Parker to discuss options for the repair. That date has not yet been agreed. This item will carry over to a future agenda.
5. **Update on planning for the 250th Celebration** - J. Kenney  
The 250th Celebration Committee has issued a 'call for photographs' for the Sestercentennial Book and Celebration Program.  
The 250th Celebration Committee has also agreed to include a QR code in the 250th Celebration Program for a self-guided tour which will include the locations of each of the town's cemeteries.
6. **Center Cemetery:** Review of updated proposal for map and status of mapping: J. Kenney and I. Morrison have been creating a sensible and user-friendly grid at Center Cemetery. The mapping of graves has been slow since sections are not easily defined and graves are not in orderly rows. The final product will include an easy-to-read spreadsheet which can be placed on-line.
7. **South Cemetery:** Request for lot assignment: D. Darby asked if a specific location for a burial in South Cemetery could be provided. Mapping of South Cemetery is on-going and until completed and agreed within this commission, the more general location of just the cemetery name should continue to be used.
8. **Contributing to the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** J. Kenney reminded members that it would be appreciated if additional thought could be given to them contributing to the 1995 – 2021 update, selecting and writing biographies of Peru history and notable residents as well as contributions to Peru Live Wire. I. Morrison accepted the task of preparing a history of the church bell.
9. **Planning for next Cemetery Commission Meeting or Commission activities:** The agenda will include an update on cemetery rules

10. Any Other Business:

D. Darby informed the members that Coretta Bolio's interment of cremains will likely occur in September in Center Cemetery.

I. Morrison informed the members that The Town of Worthington will be having cemetery tours which will include characters in costume.

11. Adjourn Meeting at 12:36.

**Respectfully approved and submitted:**

James Kenney, Chairman



Date:



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