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PERU CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

Saturday, December 11, 2021. Meeting begins at 10:00am

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 the October 2, 2021 meeting
4. Review proposal of the actual map of South Cemetery – I Morrison
5. Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby
6. Status: Cleaning of veteran's headstones – J. Kenney
7. General updates regarding contributions to the Town's 250th Celebration
 - Contribution from the Cemetery Commission for the Time Capsule
 - Proposals for writing the 1995 – 2021 Update
 - Selecting and writing biographies of Peru history and notable residents.
 - Contributions to Peru Live Wire.
 - Call for photographs for the Sestercentennial Book and Celebration Program.
8. Planning for future Cemetery Commission Meetings or any Commission activities
9. Any Other Business
10. Adjourn Meeting

Posted on December 3, 2021 10:30am - Kim Leach, Town Clerk



CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2021

Present: Jim Kenney, Chairman
Darryl Darby, Member/Cemetery Sexton
Irene Morrison, Member
Gladys Wheeler, Member

Absent:

1. Call to order, Roll call: J. Kenney called the meeting to order at 10:08am. Roll call was taken.
2. Acknowledgement of meeting recording status: This meeting was not recorded.
3. Finalization of minutes from the October 2 meeting: Minutes were finalized and the signed version will be provided to the Town Clerk.
4. Review proposal of the map of South Cemetery – I. Morrison provided a near final version of the map of South Cemetery along with a table listing graves, sorted alphabetically as well as by row. Members voted unanimously on the structure of the mapping and will use this going forward. Finalization will occur in the Spring when time can be spent checking all info included.
5. Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby indicated that no new requests have come through to the Sexton. I Morrison asked to confirm the location of recent burials so the record keeping for grave locations can be accurate and current.

As has been raised in the past, the role of the Cemetery Commission in future burials was raised again. This topic will be the focus of discussion at the next meeting and address the roles of the Funeral Directors, Sexton and Town Clerk in documenting the specific location of burials now that mapping of the cemeteries has advanced to the current point.

Additionally, members agreed to continue working on the cemetery rules and guidelines during the winter season since no work can be done in the cemeteries until Spring.

6. Status: Cleaning of veteran's headstones – J. Kenney shared that during 2021 all veteran's headstones were cleaned. Additionally, assessments, cleaning, repairs and resetting of headstones and monuments for 240 of the buried in North, South and Center cemeteries. A brief show-and-tell of repaired and reset headstones was done.
7. General updates regarding contributions to the Town's 250th Celebration
 - Contribution from the Cemetery Commission for the Time Capsule
 - Proposals for writing the 1995 – 2021 Update: One suggestion was to be sure there was an entry included on the communication tower located near town center.

- Selecting and writing biographies of Peru history and notable residents: Members are in agreement with the topics proposed for their authorship
 - Call for photographs for the Sestercentennial Book and Celebration Program.
8. Planning for future Cemetery Commission Meetings or any Commission activities. The members agreed to continue to plan for monthly meetings. J. Kenney to propose dates for the next few meetings to block time on calendars.
 9. Any Other Business – No issues raised
 10. Adjourn Meeting at 11:55am.

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman



Date: 1/8/22

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