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PERU CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

Saturday, June 25, 2022. 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 May 28, 2022 meeting
4. Outcome of 2022 Annual Town Meeting
5. Remaining Commission budget and plans for use - All
6. Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby
7. Review of the North Cemetery spreadsheet review prepared by I. Morrison
8. Contributing to the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration - All
  - Update from 250<sup>th</sup> Committee
  - Suggestions for the Time Capsule
9. Planning for future Cemetery Commission activities or next Cemetery Commission Meetings
10. Any Other Business
11. Adjourn Meeting

***Posted on June 19, 2022 @ 11:25am***

***Kim Leach, Town Clerk***



## CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2022

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05am. Roll call was taken.
2. Acknowledgement of meeting recording status – This meeting was not recorded.
3. Finalization of minutes from the May 28, 2022 meeting: Minutes were finalized and the signed version will be provided to the Town Clerk.
4. Outcome of 2022 Annual Town Meeting; J. Kenney explained that the town voted to approve \$1000 for Cemetery Expenses as well as \$2400 for a flag pole (for Center Cemetery) and new signs for the three main cemeteries. J. Kenney will consult with J. Russell regarding flag pole selection and installation.
5. Remaining Commission budget and plans for use – The remainder of the 2021 – 2022 budget is currently \$53. Recent purchases have been made for flag holders, D/2 Biological Solution, a prybar, pump sprayers, headstone cleaning brushes and tools, one sign pole and one cemetery sign.
6. Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby, Cemetery Sexton, reported that there hasn't been any activity or inquiries in the past month.
7. Review of the North Cemetery spreadsheet prepared by I. Morrison: I. Morrison reviewed the original Sackett Survey map and table along with alternate views of the grave locations. Key findings in the development of this spreadsheet are the identification of one excluded headstone, the mislabeling of at least two headstones, as well as the identification and location of burials / headstones since the survey was completed. The members agreed that for future work in mapping graves in North Cemetery that the original Sackett Survey map and table will be the primary document. Any new burials will be added to the end of the table and located on an updated version of the map. I. Morrison and G. Wheeler plan to visit North Cemetery to make sure that all headstones are labelled correctly on the table.  
Members acknowledged the significant amount of work that went into developing this information and thanked Irene.
8. Contributing to the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration
  - Update from 250<sup>th</sup> Committee- The 250<sup>th</sup> Committee, responsible for the planning of the July 16 event, is asking volunteers to self-identify.
  - Suggestions for the Time Capsule continue to be solicited
9. Planning for future Cemetery Commission activities or next Cemetery Commission Meetings. G. Wheeler asked that a date be set for headstone cleaning / re-setting / repair work. Members agreed to making themselves available, weather permitting, and meeting to work in North Cemetery at 9:00am. A list of headstones to cleaned / re-set / repaired needs to be developed focusing on illegible first, then the older stones. J. Kenney and I. Morrison to propose the list.
10. Any Other Business:  
Meeting frequency was raised and agreed to remain monthly.  
Previously proposed dates for future meetings needed to be revisited to address conflicts. Future meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month: July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10.
11. Adjourn Meeting at 12:10pm

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman:

Date: 7/9/22