



CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2024

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

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Roll call was taken
- Acknowledgement of meeting recording status – This meeting was not recorded.
- Finalization of minutes from the May 6, 2024 meeting. - Minutes were finalized and the signed version will be provided to the Town Clerk.
- Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby reported that the burial of town-resident Ronald Brightman is planned for June 8 in South Cemetery. The family has met with the Cemetery Sexton to select a grave location.
- Update on status of the 2024 Cemetery Rules – The 2024 Cemetery Rules have been endorsed by the Selectboard and posted to the town's webpage. The Selectboard was told by the town attorney that the Cemetery Rules did not require a vote at the Annual Town Meeting since these are not town bylaws, as was previously thought.
- Follow-up - Evaluating requested burial permits with actual burials and ideas for follow-up. A brief discussion took place around the creation of a letter from the Cemetery Commission to the families of a deceased towns person when considering Peru as a burial location. A fuller discussion of this topic was deferred to future meetings.
- Cemetery Clean-ups: Ford Family Cemetery and South Road Extension Cemetery: J. Kenney obtained permission to clean-up around the two Ford graves on land owned by Camp Danbee. He reported that only light work was required and the headstones are clean and in good shape. J. Kenney has also obtained permission from the current owners of the land where the South Road Extension Cemetery is located. A clean-up will be planned sometime soon.
- Info pass: Granite posts donation - The MASSDOT District 1 Headquarters kindly donated 4 granite posts which can be used to define the perimeter of a cemetery. The Cemetery Commission thanks Doug Haskins for the suggestion.
- Plans for meeting with Hinsdale Cemetery Commissioner - Dan Kaufmann would like to meet with Cemetery Commissioners but asked to push the meeting out into July when he has greater availability. Follow-up is J. Kenney's responsibility.
- Discuss selection for Friends of the Cemetery Commission acknowledgment in Live Wire: The members agreed to the June acknowledgement and made a suggestion for the July acknowledgement.
- Planning for next Cemetery Commission activities or next Cemetery Commission Meetings: Members suggested either June 21 or 24 for the clean-up of the South Road Extension Cemetery. The date will be confirmed closer to those dates when the weather forecasts are known.
The next Cemetery Commission Meeting will be held on July 1 at 10:00am
- Any Other Business:
The July agenda will include a review of the Cemetery Commission's Mission Statement.
Follow-up with the Select Board will be required to confirm that the requested budget items were approved

based on comments made by K. Wetherell at the Annual Town Meeting.

R. Clapper has agreed to help with resetting headstones when an extra pair of hands is needed.

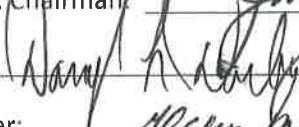
- Adjourn Meeting at 11:20am

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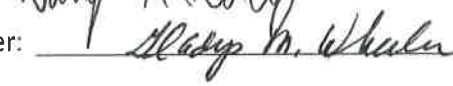
James Kenney, Chairman



Darryl Darby:



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