

## Montague Cemetery Commission – Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

In person meeting

Montague Town Hall Annex

### AGENDA

1. Take roll call
  - a. Present: Annie Levine, Judith Lorei, Mary Kay Mattiace
    - i. Volunteers: Jeri Moran, Jamie Fuller
2. Approving October minutes -moved to December meeting.
3. Discuss FY 24 budget
  - a. Status of FY23 budget
    - i. Quotes received for yearly maintenance was approximately \$24,000. Discussion of how to manage increased costs in next year's budget.
      1. Judith will discuss budget increase with Steve Ellis at a Nov. 30th meeting.
  - b. c. Non-capital expense – article for winter special town meeting
    - i. Commission will ask for \$10,000 to finish phase one of green burial section.
4. Highland Cemetery
  - a. Report on green burial section tours = 1 person attended the October 23rd tour with 10 people

attending the November 12 tour. Many of those expressed interest in purchasing plots.

5. Report on Aaron Clark cemetery board request of transfer to the town
  - a. Aaron Clark cemetery board has reached out to ask if the town would allow for the transfer of the cemetery to the town. The Commission decided that we need more experience learning how to manage Highland cemetery and that the town's needs have been met by having an active cemetery and a green burial section. Judith will respond and ask them to reach back in about a year's time.
6. Report on 11/17 town open meeting law
  - a. Commission needs to grow in order to effectively do the work of running a cemetery.
7. Jeri Moran reported to Commission about an October headstone cleaning and maintenance workshop in Wendell, and expressed interest in having Linda Hickman, who attended the workshop speak to the Commission. Jeri will talk with Linda and report back to the Commission when there are more details.
8. Next monthly meeting: Tuesday, 1/3, 6:00-7:30 at the Montague Senior Center

\*Items not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting

\*\*Votes may be taken

Minutes Compiled by Annie Levine