

Montague Cemetery Commission - MINUTES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

On-line/remote meeting

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1. Take roll call
 - a. Present: Annabel Levine, Judith Lorei, Jeri Moran
 - i. Guests: Jamie Fuller
2. Approve meeting minutes
 - a. 2/22/22 Minutes Approved Unanimously
3. Update: Vote on Articles for Special Town Meeting
 - a. Both articles passed unanimously, the Montague Cemetery Commission (MCC) can now access \$10,000 for repairs.
4. Update: Burnham Cemetery
 - a. Wall Repair
 - i. Work starts tomorrow (3/30) at 8AM with Fairview Landscaping taking care of the trees.
 - b. May Burial
 - i. There will be a burial on May 14th.
 - ii. MCC will need to prepare grave for cremains.
 - iii. We will all meet there to prepare the space.
 - iv. MCC will decide on and purchase seed mixes to put down after burial (clover?).
5. Update: Highland
 - a. Iron Archway:
 - i. Jeri checked in with the Franklin County Tech School, who want to start working on the archway.
 - ii. Jeri will call Barbara to ask for the quote from the insurance company. Jeri will then reach back out to FCTS and then Partridge-Zschau.
 - b. How to handle burials:
 - i. MCC discussed extra items we may need to have on hand once burials begin like tables, covers for the grave, etc.
 - c. Green Burial Wooded Section:
 - i. Judith met Jeremiah from Fairview Landscaping at the wooded section.

1. Our budget is enough for one day's work, which would be enough to establish phase one.
 2. Work needs to be completed by the end of June.
 - a. We may need to supplement the one-day fee with some of the cemetery repair fund due to rising costs as the quote is over a year old.
 3. Candace Currie from Green Burial MA is coming out to do a walkthrough with the MCC at Highland on Friday, 4/8/22 at 3PM.
 - d. A section of the back road has collapsed.
 - i. Fairview Landscaping might be able to fix it (fill it). We could use part of cemetery repair fund for that, the committee will wait for a quote.
 - ii. Judith will go out there to mark off the spot.
6. Discussion:
- a. Revised cemetery rules and regulations
 - i. Judith requests comments and edits to be sent to her within the week. Then she'll pass it over to the former Highland Cemetery board for feedback.
 - b. Judith will be the point person for contact over Highland, but committee members will rotate taking care of the rest.
 - c. Highland inventory spreadsheet
 - i. Annie will put in all lot #s in excel, then work on whether each lot is empty and/or sold.
7. Other Business
- a. Town Tree Grant Trees in Cemeteries
 - i. Tree Committee has grant for free trees, and they were cleared to put them in cemeteries as long as they are visible from the road. Highland could take a few dozen.
 - ii. Annie will talk to Owen Wormser from Local Harmony about recommendations for tree placement.
8. Next monthly meeting: April 26 at 6:00 PM

*Items not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting

**Votes may be taken

Judith Lorei

Minutes taken by Annabel Levine