

Montague Cemetery Commission

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Remote meeting

Minutes

1. Take roll call
 - a. Present: Judith Lorei, Annabel Levine, Mary Kay Mattiace, Jo-ann Prescott, Jamie Fuller
 - i. Guest: Jeri Moran
2. MCC voted to approve December (1/3/23) meeting minutes.
3. Updates:
 - a. Commission welcomed newly appointed members: Jamie Fuller and Jo-Ann Prescott
 - b. On 1/18/23, MCC appeared at the Board of Health meeting to give them an update on Highland Cemetery. It was decided that MCC will continue to provide periodic updates to the Board of Health.
4. Jan-March task list updates:
 - a. Highland Cemetery database,
 - b. Digital Commonwealth - Boston Public Library archive project.
 - i. Annie reported that the documents were picked up and are currently being processed.
 - c. Mapping

- i. Jamie and Jeri are continuing the mapping project at Chestnut Hill Cemetery among others. - Old South and Fairway are next on the list.

d. Volunteer drive

- i. MCC will host information sessions that will also include a focus on ways for residents to volunteer.
 - a. Prospective dates were given in February & early March (I didn't have an exact date written, if we made that decision please take a look and we can update it at the meeting)

e. Montague Reporter letter to the editor

- i. Group made edits to the content, Mary Kay will submit the letter for next week's edition of the Reporter.

5. Budget:

- a. Special town meeting is on March 2nd
- b. MCC discussed warrant text, Judith will send updated warrant text to Carolyn Olsen.

6. Other business

- a. Highland Storm Damage
 - i. Commission voted to use \$500 from Highland emergency fund to clean up debris from recent storm.
 - ii. A stone was knocked off its pedestal, and

Judith will get in touch with Negus and Taylor about fixing it.

- b. Bruce Browning will no longer be digging for cremation burial.
 - i. MCC discussed options for cremation burial, including Snows and taking care of it ourselves. No vote taken.
 - c. Finalize rules and regs
 - i. Judith will send commission members an updated rules and regulation document for us to discuss at the next meeting.
7. Next meeting will be Monday, 2/20/23, from 6-730PM. Annie will get in touch with Roberta to book the Senior Center.

*Items not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting **Votes may be taken

Minutes Compiled by Annie Levine