Montague Cemetery Commission - MINUTES

Monday, February 20, 2023 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

In person meeting

Montague Senior Center, 62 5th Street, Turners Falls,

MA MINUTES

- 1. Take roll call
 - a. Present Annabel Levine, Judith Lorei, Mary Kay Mattiace, Jo-Ann Prescott, Jamie Fuller
 - i. Guests: Jeri Moran
- 2. January meeting (1/31) minutes, approved unanimously.
- 3. Updates:
 - a. Digital Commonwealth archive project
 - i. Papers should be back mid-March by the latest, Annie will check in about when the website is launched.
- 4. Jan-March task list:
 - a. Cemetery mapping
 - i. Chestnut Hill, Fairway, Town Cemetery are done.
 - ii. We "may" need to re-do Burnham and E. Mineral Rd. for online.
 - iii. Annie has Fairway info, will find it for next meeting.
 - b. Volunteer drive
 - i. Info sessions 2/25 at 11:00 and 2/28 at

- 5:00 Gill-Montague Senior Center
- ii. Areas identified that could use volunteer help: cleaning headstones, landscaping, pruning, pulling out invasives, highland woods specific tasks such as trail maintenance and the sitting area, genealogy and historical data, data entry
- 5. Finalize cemetery rules and regulations
 - a. MCC approved fees for Highland Woods (\$700 for residents, \$1000 for non-residents)
 - b. Still need to discuss fee for those not using a funeral home.
 - c. Annie will present subsidizing cost plan at upcoming meeting.
- 6. Budget:
 - a. Special town meeting, Judith will speak.
- 7. Annual Report
 - a. Judith will write annual report
- 8. Other business
 - a. Montague Reporter Death/Dying Issue
 - Nina got in touch with Judith who offered article suggestions.
 - b. Annie will request Juneberries, Witch Hazel, and Magnolia for Highland in next tree committee meeting.
- 9. Next meeting:
 - a. Meeting monday March 13th

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

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Annie Levine