

**PLEASE READ THESE AND BRING YOUR EDITS TO THE MEETING on
November 13th.**

This will help facilitate the approval process.

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023

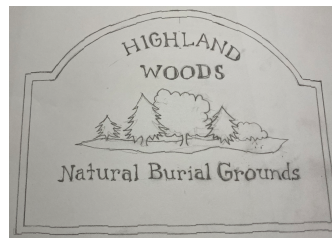
Montague Senior Center

1. **Roll call;** Mary Kay Mattiace, Annie Levine, and Jo-Ann Prescott
2. **Visitor/Guest...**Maureen McNamara
3. **Minutes** for September accepted as read

Updates:

A. **Highland Woods**

- a. **Signs;** Jamie's rendition of the sign approved.



Discussion:

scroll work should closely resemble Highland iron arch
no consensus on whether scroll should be on the bottom also
general size and height of sign discussed; no strong consensus
central icon should include trees

f final decisions on above can be made by Judith

- b. **Plantings...**2 areas prepped with compost. Some plants are in but the rest will be planted in the Spring.
- c. **Compost:** Of the 4 yards delivered, about 2/3rd remains
5 wheelbarrows have been taken to the native garden, and the remainder will be placed near the shed
we request that Judith ask DPW to move it for us; alternative - Judith and MK will move it.
- d. **Stumps:** MK talked to Walker, stumps will be delivered before “the snow flies”
- e. **Trees:** Annie reported that she is working on getting three trees planted where previously discussed. She is hoping to acquire these at no cost, including the planting of said trees

Cemetery reports

- a. **Highland** as above
- b. **Town Cemetery** same as always per Jeri.
- c. **Burnham** continues to have at least 10 graves completely obscured by shrubbery. A ? Child's headstone is ready to fall over.

Special Town Meeting

Two articles concerning the cemetery commission were approved at the Town Meeting on October 10th:

The town members voted unanimously to allow the select board members to approve changes to the Rules and Regulations.

\$4000 appropriation for Highland Natural Burial Cemetery signage was approved.

Other Business;

- a. **VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP at Highland Cemetery is scheduled from 10-12 on Thursday, Nov. 16th, with a rain date for Sat. Nov. 18th, same time**
- b. Maureen McNamara, who is visiting this evening, is interested in being on the volunteer committee and a commission member. She can be reached on her cell, 413-259-7027 or email, mcnamara7@hotmail.com
- c. **Town-wide cemeteries meeting:**
 - following up on the suggestion from last month's meeting that the Montague Cemetery Commission initiate a town wide meeting of all cemetery heads, a discussion ensued about best approach, and possible date/s for such a meeting; discussion will continue at next month's meeting to finalize date, invitation and focus of meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm by Mary Kay Mattiace
Next meeting November 13th at the MSC.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann Prescott