



*Cemetery Commission
One Main St. Box 12
Upton, MA 01568*

Minutes

May 19, 2016

Location: Upton Town Hall

Time: 9 a.m.

Attendees: Glenn Fowler, Bill Taylor

Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Review minutes of last meeting

Moved and seconded to approve minutes of May 12 as written. So voted.

Continue to discuss several proposed policy procedures for modification or approval and second reading of others already discussed and adjusted

Deferred to give Mr. Taylor more time to learn the process and investigate the policies and procedures of other towns.

Mr. Fowler will discuss using VOIP with DPW Director Vincent.

Continue to discuss land on East street that has been offered to the town

Mr. Fowler will let property owner know what the process will be for the town to acquire land suitable for a cemetery.

Continue to discuss land for sale on Main Street

Mr. Taylor agreed to discuss the installation of interceptor/curtain drains with the Conservation Commission at their meeting on the 25th.

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Web site update

Mr. Fowler will post the law regarding desecration of veteran's graves on the website.

Continue to discuss maximum lot loading as proposal for new policy definition

Deferred. Commissioners will continue to gather information and to consider the issue.

Update on recent burials and record updates

- Holliston Monument installed two flat markers (Nepolitano, Neves)
- Richard Wright called – holder of 6 grave plot – to confirm that he had space remaining
- Rivard/Carpentier lot line – The Rivards believe that there are three spots for burials on the south side of the gravestone, where the burial spot for Mrs. Pomfred in the Carpentier plot had been dug. Town records and an existing marker suggest otherwise. As a temporary solution. Mrs. Pomfred's burial spot was moved. Another hole was dug next to the original hole and the original hole was filled in. The Rivards intend to discuss the issue with counsel. The Commissioners agreed at the meeting to investigate/research Rivard/Carpentier lot issue immediately. Later in the week Mr. Fowler Mr. Fowler met with Mrs. Thibeault and discussed status of her burial lot, including making an arrangement with the Rivards.
- On Wednesday, May 18, Mr. Fowler oversaw filling of Mrs. Pomfred's original burial hole and the digging of Mrs. Pomfred's new hole and the digging of Mr. Tetrault's hole.

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- On Monday, May 23, received request for burial of the cremains of Carol Barber in Bibeau lot. Mr. Fowler marked the location, and the DPW dug the hole. It was a private ceremony with no funeral director involved. Mr. Fowler will confirm what paperwork is needed for burial of cremains. Mr. Fowler will consult with Mr. Pederson of Williams-Pedersen.
- Donna Aldrich contacted the Commission via email to inquire on the sale of her lots. Mr Fowler responded that the Commission/Town would repurchase the lots at their original selling price.

Plan next meeting

Friday, May 27, 9 a.m.

Plan Commissioner of the Day support for the current period

Mr. Taylor will be out of town.

Other topics not anticipated by the chair, if any

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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