



*Town of Ware
Cemetery Commission
99 Pleasant Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MONDAY, July 16, 2018**

Location: Town Hall, Ware, MA
Time: 3:20 pm
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, John Piechota, Ryan Maslak

BULLOCK Motion to approve the minutes of the June 18 meeting
MASLAK Second
All were in favor.

Veterans Liaison

Craig discussed the role of the Veterans Liaison and asked Ryan if he would be interested in serving. Ryan agreed.

SIMMONS Motion to nominate Ryan Maslak at the Veteran's Liaison.
BULLOCK Second
All were in favor

Craig brought up the subject of the burial of two cremated remains and that there was no permit in the office. Craig felt that there should be a permit and will discuss the issue with Town Clerk, Nancy Talbot. John suggested that a checklist should be prepared for each burial. Craig and Ryan will work on it for the next meeting.

Updates from John Piechota

- The stone has been installed.
- Mowing is up to date
- Some Section Markers have been installed. John suggested changing the color to white, when it's time to repaint
- Two foundations will need to be installed
- Nothing new to report on Memorial Garden II

Elizabeth Wetherell

Craig will invite speakers for dedication on October 13th.

Stone Cleaning Workshop

John Piechota read an e-mail for an article to be put in the Ware River News. Craig made an amendment regarding donations can be made to the workshop. There was a discussion regarding the use of Facebook for the workshop invitation. Bill Cote has agreed to participate. He has a list of the Veteran's stones that will need to be addressed along with their condition. Bill used to make his own foundations and has a form that he would lend to the Cemetery Commission.

Craig asked if the Commission wants to help Mr. Bill Boss with his stone. Mr. Boss is looking to get two news stones. He tried to re-apply for markers but will repair the foundations instead. Craig would like to repair the foundations. John thinks it will not be a major expense. Craig will talk to Bill Cote regarding the Bill Boss foundations.

Julie would like to o an acknowledgement for Reed Jefferies Eagle Scout project. It will be at the Ware Center Meeting House on September 15th. Julie will work on the event.

BULLOCK Motion to increase the amount approved for D2 solution to \$196.81 to be taken out of the Perpetual Care Account.
SIMMONS Second
All were in favor

Memorial Garden

There was a discussion regarding abandoned stones left in houses. Some stones are used for house foundations. Apparently some have the names blasted off and then reused or turned over and re-used. Some families simply replace individual stones. There is a small angel statue that has been in the Cemetery Barn. Bill Cote cleaned it and the Cemetery Commission voted to use it in the Memorial Garden. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Late Summer - Early September Projects

Craig asked if between the grass cutting and leaf raking, some planting could be done at the Peterson site. There was a discussion regarding the types of trees that would be appropriate. Some money will be donated, but won't cover the entire cost.

BULLOCK Motion to spend up to \$500.00 for three arborvitae and 3 rhododendron, to be taken from the Conkey Gift Account.
MASLAK Second
All were in favor.

The timber is in decay at the retaining wall by the Cemetery Gate. There was a discussion regarding what material to use to replace the wall. John suggested tumble block that looks like granite and available at Lowes. John will re-measure the area and report back at the next meeting in September. He was not sure if it could be done this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

The next regular meeting will be September 10, 2018 at the Town Hall.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons _____

Julie Bullock _____

Ryan Maslak _____

