



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

**The following was not included in the original agenda and is for information only:**

Ryan Maslak from the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, attended the meeting to volunteer his services for cleaning and repairing headstones. There was some discussion regarding the process. Craig suggested that Ryan speak with Bill Cote, who has done this work in the past. A decision to accept Ryan as a volunteer will be made at a future meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018**

Location: 99 Pleasant Street, Ware, MA  
Time: 3:30 pm  
Present: Craig Simmons, Julie Bullock, John Piechota, Maggie Sorel, Ryan Maslak

BULLOCK Motion to approve the minutes of the April, 2018 meeting as corrected  
SIMMONS Second  
All were in favor.

**Commission Vacancy**

Craig asked Ryan Maslak if he would be interested in becoming a member of the Cemetery Commission and then gave an overview of the rules, regulations and responsibilities of the Commission, including, finance, terms of service and monthly meeting attendance. Ryan agreed to join the Commission. He will move forward with the application process which involves his letter of intent.

**Updates from John Piechota**

There have been many cremations.

Flowers have been ordered and will be placed.

The mowing might not be completed by Memorial Day.

Foundations and markers are being installed. Posts need to be placed.  
Graves have been seeded.

The new truck has been ordered.

### **Boy Scout Project**

Julie reported that the project had reached the number of hours required to get the work done. Some work could not be completed due to safety issues. There was a discussion that the land inside of the stone wall is the Cemetery Commission responsibility only. It was suggested that future projects clearly state and plan out property lines. Julie will sign off on the project.

### **Memorial Day Flowers**

SIMMONS Motion to pay Tracie Lukaskiewicz for flowers as follows:

- Handanian and West lots - \$115.00 out of the Handanian Trust
- Two plants from the Packard Trust - \$85.00
- Three plants from the Reed Trust - \$125.00

BULLOCK Second  
All were in favor

BULLOCK Motion to pay \$120.00 out of the Reed Trust for Jordan, Davis and Blood  
SIMMONS Second  
All were in favor

### **Memorial Day**

Julie and Craig will arrive at Aspen Grove early in the morning to do clean-up.

### **Memorial Garden**

Stuart Beckley wants to start making arrangements for work on Memorial Garden Phase II. John Piechota will send out information to the Commission and start the work.

### **Fundraising**

Examples suggested:

- Have painting or art classes held at Aspen Grove
- Red geraniums to be sold and placed on Veterans graves
- Christmas wreaths to be sold and placed on graves

### **Elizabeth C. Wetherell**

Craig reported that the stone to be placed for Elizabeth Wetherell has been funded by an anonymous donor.

BULLOCK Motion to accept the anonymous gift to have a stone to commemorate Elizabeth C. Wetherell's participation during the Civil War to be placed at the Civil War Obelisk at Aspen Grove Cemetery.

SIMMONS Second  
All were in favor.

Craig will contact the donor to give instructions on where to ship the stone.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm

The next regular meeting will be June 18, 2018 at the Town Hall.

Nancy Dunn, Recorder

Approved:

Craig Simmons \_\_\_\_\_

Julie Bullock \_\_\_\_\_

Ryan Maslak \_\_\_\_\_