

Worcester Cemetery Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 15, 2022
Town Offices
MINUTES

Present: Fran Cerulli, Heather Pagel

Called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Today's financial review with Marty at Edward Jones was cancelled and rescheduled for next week.

- 1) **Welcome Guests** - None
- 2) **Review & Update Cemetery Burial & Plot Fees** – Discussed the fees that Joe M. is charging for 2022-2024. His mowing fees have increased, but the burial fees have not. Talked about the possibility of updating the pamphlet to increase our cemetery and burial fees, but will wait until after we meet with Marty to see if that's necessary or if we can wait.
- 3) **Update Re: Work & Landscaping at Mountain Cemetery** – Terry Solomon was not able to do the landscaping projects as mentioned in fall of 2021, so he referred us to Matt Delorey. We met with Matt at the Mountain Cemetery this spring to figure out if he could do it and if his fees would be comparable to Terry's, and they were. We were able to pay for the 2 projects for under \$2,500 each: purchase and planting the maple trees, and later on the wildflower project. He was able to plant the trees in early fall, with the 2nd project of the excavation/labor of sowing the wildflowers done this fall/early winter. He'll seed more and prune the trees in the spring.

A local resident was concerned that the placement of the maple trees may be too close together at the entrance. He thought they might cause issues with large trucks that will need to enter the cemetery to place vaults or stones in the future, as the trees grow larger. Fran will contact Joe M. about this issue and see what he thinks. Then, if there is an issue, we will discuss the placement with Matt Delorey, and see if they need to be moved in the spring.

Joe had to do some excavation along the back of the cemetery, next to the White's plot, at the end of October. The back portion of the Bador/Zuanich plot was partially over grown. We needed to find the metal spikes to place the remaining corner stones for their plot and for the burial of Steve Zuanich.

- 4) **Old Business** – WCC sold 4 new cremation plots. We also sold 7 grave plots to a non - resident, and 1 grave plot to local residents. We also discussed possibilities for where we might have green burials, including clearing brush at the back of the existing Mountain Cemetery, as long as it falls within proper distance from the river.
- 5) **New Business** - None
- 6) **Next Meeting** - Zoom meeting with Marty at Edward Jones on Dec. 21st at 4:30pm.

Meeting closed at 5:20 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by Heather Pagel.