

Worcester Cemetery Commission
Meeting Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Present: Fran Cerulli & Heather Pagel

Meeting began at 4:27pm.

Guests: Julia Shedd joined us shortly after the meeting started.

1. Approve July 20th minutes.

The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2. Update on landscaping/fill in green burial section(s).

We talked to the road crew and asked them if we could get 6 additional loads. Hopefully, this will get enough material to fill in and level the green burial area at the back of the Mountain Cemetery. Joe agreed to landscape/smooth the area for \$750. He can also seed and map both of the green areas we discussed for \$275. Fran moved to approve this work, and Heather approved as well.

3. Update of greenery/flowers in Mountain Cemetery.

Fran spoke with Matt regarding the wildflower seeds. He figured out that the seeds he used to sow must have been bad. Matt agreed to reseed at no charge. We decided we will wait to put any more money into flowers until spring. However, Julia had a great idea. She thinks that many people pull bulbs/flowers in the fall and might be willing to donate or even help with planting. We can send out an email on Front Porch Forum.

4. Discuss Village Cemetery shed roof repair.

Jacob Russell looked at the shed roof, between materials and labor he could do it for about \$2,750. It's a little over the amount we can approve without putting it out to bid. We're not sure if it's even worth the time and money, or if the structure itself is in good condition to put a roof on it. Fran is going to have Mick look at the structure to see if it's worth it. We discussed a prefabricated shed as another option. We'll wait until next spring to revisit this.

5. Stone straightening.

Fran will talk with Joe to see if there are any that look like they may fall over. He doesn't charge that much to straighten, so a few won't be much. However, if there aren't any issues for now, then we'll wait on the straightening until next year.

6. Mapping and seeding options in Mountain Cemetery.

This item was already discussed and approved (in item 2), for Joe's quote to map and seed the two green areas for \$275.

7. Other business.

Annually, the town provides an allotment of \$5,000 to the Cemetery Commission. It is usually split in half between the two cemeteries. This year we have been putting a lot of work into the Mountain Cemetery, prepping for the green burial sites. However, the Village Cemetery has a larger area for mowing and care. After discussing the options for allotment, Fran moved to allocate \$3,000 to the Mountain Cemetery and \$2,000 to the Village Cemetery. Motion approved.

8. Next meeting.

Fran will talk with Joe, to see if there are any stones that need straightening. We'll discuss another meeting after we hear back. Fran moved to adjourn at 5:30 pm. Heather approved. After talking with Julia, she is interested in joining the Cemetery Commission. We are excited to have her, but will discuss appointment at the next meeting, as we had already adjourned.