

Worcester Cemetery Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Town Offices - 4:30 pm
AGENDA

In attendance – Fran Cerulli, Julia Shedd & Heather Pagel
Meeting called to order at 4:32pm.

1 - Approve August 15th minutes.

We reviewed the minutes from August 15th. Fran moved to approve the minutes as read. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2 - Reallocation of Funds – Stone Straightening vs. Cleaning

We discussed the reallocation of funds. Instead of using the \$1,500 set aside toward the cleaning of the stones, we thought it best to use those funds to have stones straightened, so they don't fall over or get damaged. After walking through the Village Cemetery with Joe recently, we saw several stones that need to be straightened, as well as a few in the Mountain Cemetery. Joe gave us a quote of \$2,080 to straighten 26 stones between the 2 cemeteries. Heather moved to reallocate the funds from cleaning to the straightening the stones, plus the remaining balance of \$580 will be used from the Village Cemetery general funds. Motion approved.

3 - Cemetery Commissioner Appointment

After talking with Julia Shedd about her thoughts on joining the Worcester Cemetery Commission (WCC), she confirmed she was interested in stepping into the vacant seat on the cemetery commission. Therefore, the WCC will make a recommendation to the Worcester Select Board to appoint Julia Shedd to fill the remaining term of Steve Barrows' vacancy through March 2025, upon their approval.

4 - Other Business

We are still waiting on more fill from the Town of Worcester, for green burial sites. They may be adding more this fall, or in the spring. However, Joe won't be able to finish until there is more fill. Then he'll be smoothing it out, seeding and mapping the locations (at the back of the Mountain Cemetery, and on the right hand side, towards the back, near the Humphrey site).

At some point, whether it is this winter or next spring, we should update our maps as well. So, the ones we have are current and updated with the newest burial plots that were purchased.

5 - Next Meeting – No date planned.

Fran moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm. Heather seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Pagel.