

TOWN OF ARLINGTON



Cemetery Commission

Date: October 13, 2021
Time: 9:04am
Location: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Chapel

Minutes

Present: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, Brian Hasbrouk, DPW Director, Mike Rademacher

1. Guest Thomas McGinnity presented his design idea for the headstone to go on his wife's grave as he wants to use a historical family stone. Concerns, alternate plans and explanations were discussed. The design was approved by all commissioners. Mr. McGinnity was also reminded that he needs to make sure the stone has room on it for those who might use the grave in the future as additional stones are not permitted in that area, which he said he was already aware of.
2. Columbarium Circle: Black Diamond Landscape Inc. had inadvertently started work without approval of proposed estimate, which was then halted. Estimate was reviewed and approved by all commissioners with the exception that two items are to be added: to add in the rose coloring of the cement that is wanted and to add in that texturing of the circle (item#5 on the estimate) will be that of an "exposed aggregate surface". Dan Warren will address these additions and have a new copy of estimate before work can resume the week of 10/18/21.
3. The One Way and No Exit signs are up in Totten Way and appear to be working per cemetery staff.
4. Granite posts were installed to help define the Green Field area, with tree in the middle of area.
5. Minutes from September meeting were approved by all commissioners.
6. Mike was directed to look at water damage in the chapel and the condition of the fire escape, which was found to be missing a step. Actions to address these issues will be forthcoming.
7. Mike asked for a list of accomplishments from the cemetery to put into the annual report and what projects we would like to address next for the budget. Michele will send a list.

8. Disinterment request: GG-175 of John Mendes, 1998. Wife has moved to NH and has made arrangements with a local cemetery there to move her husband to. She is aware of costs and the process. She will also be taking the stone. All commissioners approved the request. Grave will be bought back by the cemetery and deed handed into office. Disinterments cannot start until October 15 by law.

9. Activity of sales/burials reviewed from last month.

10. Mike continues to work on a grant for money to clean up the brook.

11. There will be no tree plantings for fall, but members should walk around the cemetery and make note of the trees we want to see addressed next and where we would like to see some plantings done in the spring so we can give this information to Tree Warden.

12. A request for a bench at the columbarium circle by a resident through the Select Board's office was relayed to Michele by Jim Feeney. It had already been planned that a cemetery owned bench will be placed there after circle work is complete.

13. Tree plantings are planned for the Old Burying Ground per Jim Feeney to make up for those that had to be removed due to the maintenance/wall/tomb work that was done last year. JoAnn Robinson of the Historical Commission would like to see flowering crab apples and some other trees that are similar to those removed to keep with the historic significance of the area. If not done this fall, then in spring.

14. Twelve (12) deeds signed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM

Next Meeting will be November 10, 2021

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Hassler, Chairperson