

TOWN OF
ARLINGTON



Cemetery Commission

Date: November 8, 2023
Time: 9:07am
Location: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Chapel

Minutes

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

Guest; George Parsons

1. Minutes of October 11 were approved.
2. Deeds (4) were signed.
3. George Parsons did a presentation for the British Soldier monument that would be placed in the Old Burying Ground (OBG). He is looking for a letter of support from the Cemetery Commission. There are about 40 soldiers buried in the OBG and the injured were treated and cared for by Arlington residents. The memorial would be similar to the slave marker placed in June of this year. They would like to have the monument be done for the 250th Anniversary of the battles which is April 19, 2024. George will be applying for a grant, hopefully by the end of this month. George already got support from the Arlington Historical Society, Arlington 250 Committee and the British Consulate. George stated that Lexington and Concord have one. George will keep us updated. The Commissioners all voted to support the monument subject to seeing the final inscription and the site plan that Brian requested.
4. OBG; Tree map that was done by Tree Assessment was updated by the Tree Warden, Tim Lequivre. JoAnn Robinson will be notified.

5. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery tree suggestions from the Tree Warden were handed out. Will the planting be for the fall of 2023 or spring of 2024? Stump removals (18) were done.
6. Columbarium path; Mike said the bid should be advertised soon.
7. Commissioners all agreed to send a letter to the Arlington Montessori School at the UUC as a reminder that the OBG is not to be used as a play space for the preschoolers due to safety and historical concerns.
8. OBG signage regarding respecting the OBG and staying off of structures was tabled for now.
9. Bench request for Ann Theriault was denied.
10. Kevin Duffy of Line and Stone did repairs to several monuments.
11. DeVito FH has inquired about the use of the chapel. Chapel needs minor repair to the front railing and needs a cleaning before being used for services.
12. Monthly numbers were read.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22am
Next meeting will be Dec. 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted
Jean Smith

Board of Cemetery Commissioners
Michele A. Hassler, Chairperson
William F. McCarthy
Brian L. Hasbrouck