

TOWN OF ARLINGTON



Cemetery Commission

Date: November 18, 2020

Time: 9:03am

Location: The meeting is conducted by Remote Participation via Teleconference Phone # 1-701-802-5302
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This meeting will follow guidelines described by the Massachusetts Executive Order on Remote Participation. For further information refer to:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

Minutes

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

1. Minutes approved for October 14, 2020
2. Deeds will be signed by appointment
3. Decorative stamped concrete; Jean will notify the commissioners to view the samples when they arrive.
4. CPA updates on OBG; Michele reported on the progress. Wall is done. Area of the wall that was crumbling, bricks were replaced and should weather nicely. The mortar used is close to what was there. Front of wall along Pleasant St. looks amazing. No work was done to the back of the wall. Capstone is still being looked into.
5. Much thanks to Kevin Duffy, Line and Stone, for the great work he has done on restoring of many stones. All that is left is the placing of 2 markers.
6. Bridge erosion will be tabled till next meeting
7. Totten Way road work; Mike informed the commission that they hired a new engineer and the road and turn around by Henderson will be addressed.

8. Tree planting; six (6) new trees were planted at the cemetery, one (1) of which was the dogwood at the Green Burial site. The commissioners inquired as to whether Tim Lecuire, tree warden, has an updated diagram for tree plantings.
9. New business; Jason has requested that the commission review the need for 1 piece cover or vaults only for burials. The placement of a 2 piece cover requires 4 people and the cemetery does not have that man power. DPW departments assist but only send 2 men which leaves 1 person to hold both ends of 1 strap which can cause injury. A 2 piece cover is also weaker and is more apt to break and takes longer to lower. The vault company would be required to lower the 1 piece box covers or vault covers. Jean and Jason will look into the price difference of boxes and vaults. Also, will look into what cemeteries require for liners. This will be placed on the agenda for the December 9th meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:10am
Next meeting will be December 9, 2020

Respectfully submitted
Jean Smith

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