

Wellfleet Cemetery Commission
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10am-1pm Zoom Meeting

Attended by Bonnie Robicheau, Nancy Vail, David Agger

Guests: Stephanie Miele and Julie Lupkin (Falmouth), Sophia Sayigh (Brewster), Marc Norgeot and Deidre Root (Orleans), Debbie Abbott (Eastham), Chuck Cole (S. Wellfleet), Chris Brooke and Lynn Martin (Ptown), Liz Beyus (Rich Family Assn), Ed Miller (Ptown Independent), Ryan Curley and H.M. Wilson (Wellfleet Select Board), Donna Rickman, Ed Bixby, Barry Robbins, Candice Currie and Judith Lorei (Green Burial MA), Anne Cowens (Lily House), Mary ??

Agenda

TOPIC: Wellfleet Cemetery Commission Zoom Session on Green Burial Information

for Lower/Outer Cape Cemetery Commissions and others involved in Cemetery Work

Town staff will initially host meeting until David Agger calls meeting to order

David as host and Nancy as co-host will let everyone into the meeting (click on waiting room and Chat)

David will welcome everyone to discussion; go over the agenda (including purpose, ground rules, and introduction of participants)

Agenda

Welcome and purpose of discussion- further knowledge and understanding regarding the continuum of Green Burial practices in general, and specifically as it applies to Cape Cod

Ground rules-

- we are following Open Meeting guidelines and recording this session
- participants are requested to keep their microphones on mute and “request to speak” using the hands up icon
- the host will call on participants to speak
- please avoid using the chat function unless you have a technology issue or question
- we ask that the general public and non-Cemetery staff hold their questions until the end of the Q/A session to allow cemetery commission and other staff to participate
- be patient with the host as this is his maiden voyage hosting a Zoom session

Introduction of participants- starting with Falmouth, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown

Introduction of Candace Currie and Green Burial MA and agenda for their discussion (**for details see recorded meeting on Town website link**)

1. GreenBurial MA Presentation - 20 minutes Candace and staff introduced organization and mission
2. Ed Bixby on Digging Graves in Sandy Soil - 10 minutes
3. Thoughts from soil experts who could not attend - 5 minutes
4. Q&A for Town Cemetery Commissions and other Cape Cemetery staff-25 minutes (end by 11:30am)
5. Q &A for general public as time allows-
6. Check in by Town Cemetery Commissions and other Cemetery Staff –what did you hear today that was useful, new, need more information about, next steps regarding green burials.
7. Thoughts about future meetings
8. End session

Future Business Agenda Item

1. If we choose to move forward, next Steps for Green Burials in Wellfleet
2. Share presentation and video with John Fougere
3. Plan and set date for Spring 2021 Cemetery Clean Up

Next meeting: TBD

Minutes reported by David Agger

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm