

Wellfleet Cemetery Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021

Attended by Bonnie Robicheau, Nancy Vail, David Agger

Guest: Liz Beyus, Donna Rickman, Jennifer (from Connecticut)

Agenda

Annual Spring clean-up in Oakdale & Pleasant Hill cemeteries May 15

AmeriCorps Cape Cod will be sending 2-10 workers (weekends are their own so it's on a volunteer last minute decision). AmeriCorps may use day as a power tool training with supervision. We will focus efforts on Pleasant Hill and Oakdale Cemeteries. Bonnie will hang banner and contact places of worship. Nancy will submit announcement in area newspapers. David will bring water and tools. Discussed adherence to Town and Commonwealth Covid-19 protocols for safe distancing and masking. We will have cleanup day whether sunny or drizzle.

Considerations and options for green burials

Discussed Town specific considerations for green burials. Discussed creating a separate area for green burial type interments versus co-mingling with existing plots or dedicating part of DEF section to them. Discussed cost of clearing a section of all/select trees and other vegetation. Decided to revisit previously identified undeveloped sections for green burials.

- David will resend the draft of Wellfleet "cemetery rules and regulations" with green burial information included.

- David will contact John Fougere about meeting with Ptown DPW to discuss their green burial excavation procedures.

- Bonnie will get bids for clearing (to be) identified sections.

- We will revisit the previously identified potential sites during the May 15, 2021 cleanup day.

Consider landscaping a "model" plot in Section DEF

Nancy suggested that the commission design and create a "model" plot to showcase possibilities to interested buyers of plots to stimulate interest in newly cleared section DEF. We will consult with Wellfleet Arbor Committee during the upcoming May Cleanup Day.

Discuss FY21 CPC award

CPC is encouraging us to lobby with Town officials to create a line item in annual budget for Cemetery Commission. David stated that members of CPC had approached Dan Hoort with this suggestion. We discussed raising this with current TA. Nancy reminded everyone of Commission decision to not repair anymore headstones but just focus on stabilizing and remounting headstones in good condition. Bonnie suggested using funds to create and erect historic signage for Pleasant Hill and Oakdale similar to

Duck Creek and Summit Ave cemeteries. Nancy reported that neighbors on Cemetery Rd have complained about damaged pipe fencing on southern boundary of PH and Oakdale (possibly replace pipe or consider split rail fencing). David recommended following through on stabilizing/remounting good condition headstones with the use of area and off-Cape consultants Atlas Preservation in Connecticut and Tamara Conde in Massachusetts. Donna Rickman suggested hiring (for pay or free) a consultant to assess all past restorations.

Animal Control Officer/ Draft Town Warrant Article

Nancy reported on conversation with Selectboard member HM Wilson regarding a draft of a New proposed bylaw by Wellfleet Animal Control Officer (addressing DOG poop, leashes, and noise). She wasn't sure if we could discuss this since it was not on agenda. She briefed us and we decided to have another Zoom meeting dedicated to this draft Bylaw Friday, April 23, 2021 at 2:30pm.

David will contact HM Wilson and determine if draft in our possession is the final draft and Selectboard deadline for Cemetery Commission recommendation for town warrant booklet.

Next meeting: ZOOM, Friday, April 23, 2021 at 2:30pm.

Minutes reported by David Agger

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm