

Essex Town Cemetery Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2022, 10:00
Essex Town Offices

Meeting minutes-draft

Members present: Joe Teegarden, Elaine Strunk, Sue Brown

Members absent: Joan Janzen

Others present: Cheryl Brown (Assistant Town Clerk, Administrative liaison to CC), Susan McNamara-Hill (Town Clerk), Jenny Willingham (previous Administrative liaison to CC); Tobe Tomlinson, interested party.

Meeting minutes-draft

- Meeting called to order at 10 AM but Joe Teegarden.
- Public comment: Tobe
- Nov. 16, 2021 meeting minutes approved with no discussion.
- In response to the question raised in CC meeting November '2, Elaine noted that plot repurchasing by the Town is addressed and approved within the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.
- Green burials were briefly discussed and again agreed that they are not compatible with MVC location and previous history.
- Update on turf upgrade plan for MVC: Joe updated the CC on this project:
 1. The projected cost for 2022 is \$7,000.
 2. Dave Foster (Town Maintenance supervisor) is acquiring the necessary products to be applied. He may need to rent a spreader, however, to apply them.
Joe noted that the fertilizer being used is organic and would not be applied during a funeral in answer to Tobe's concerns. Joe will continue to work with Dave on this project.
- Other MVC issues:
 1. Jenny reported that Tom (who oversees the Town-owned properties) is considering vinyl siding for the shed which is in dire need of maintenance.
 2. Tobe had a question about accessing/using the new 12"x12" urn covers for cremation burials. She will contact Bob Covey, Sexton, with her questions.
 3. Burial fee increase: Tobe updated us on her increased fees for burials. She has also sent out a letter informing local funeral homes of her fees for 2022.
 4. Plotting grave sites in new Camels Hump section: Sue reported that she had met in Nov. 2021 with Joe Flynn, a local surveyor who has done work for the Town in the past. He recommended that the CC consider plotting the entire section as it would be less expensive in the long run and that the on-site work could be done anytime the ground was free of snow. Sue will contact Joe for a cost estimate to plot the entire section and clarify how the lots would be marked.
- Our appreciation to Jenny, who, having moved on, has helped Cheryl and Susan with the transition of CC and cemetery affairs. Best wishes!

- Next meeting – **Tues., April 19, 2022 at 10 AM, Town Offices.**
- Meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Minutes submitted by Susan Brown, 3/25/22