

Salisbury Cemetery Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of November 3, 2023
Salisbury Town Hall, Colchester Room
5 Beach Road, Salisbury, MA

I. Call to Order

Chairman Gordon Frost called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. Other members present were Wilma McDonald, Kendall Eaton and Grace Ruhp. Also present was Town Manager Neil Harrington and DPW Director Jamie Tuccolo.

II. Acceptance of October Minutes

Ms. McDonald moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2023 be accepted. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

III. Old Business

a. Update on Expansion at Long Hill

Mr. Tuccolo reported that several potholes had been filled at Long Hill and that the next maintenance day was scheduled for the week of October 9. In terms of the new signs that will be made to delineate each of the sections of the cemetery, Mr. Tuccolo suggested using poles that can accommodate multiple signs to demarcate the various sections. He also noted that he intended to erect larger maps showing all sections at both entrances to the cemetery.

Mr. Tuccolo then asked if the Commissioners wanted to go back to the practice of issuing deeds for burial plots. Some members thought this might be confusing, as it might lead the public to believe that a deed signified ownership of the plot(s) where they or their loved ones would be buried. It was agreed that Mr. Tuccolo should do a survey of surrounding communities to see what they do.

b. Maintenance

Chairman Frost noted that several trees at Long Hill had dead limbs that were falling, and he asked that additional pruning be done before the end of the year. Mr. Tuccolo said he would take care of it. He also informed the Commission that the toppled stone at the rear of the Colonial Cemetery would be re-installed in an upright position soon.

c. Roads at Long Hill

Mr. Tuccolo informed the Commission that the left-over millings that were being stockpiled at Long Hill will be spread where needed before the end of the year.

IV. New Business

a. Discussion and Vote on Number of Cremation Burials Per Plot

Chairman Frost noted that the Commission's regulations allowed for up to four cremation urns to be buried in an empty plot, but that there had been no

determination made on how many cremations could be buried in a plot in which there was already an existing casket. Commission members then discussed the matter and it was thought that a limit of three urns would be advisable.

Ms. McDonald made a motion that up to three cremation urns be allowed to be buried in a plot that also contained a casket, subject to specific language amending the regulations being adopted at a subsequent meeting. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

b. Plans for Fall and Winter Projects


Mr. Tuccolo stated that he would have the new signs demarcating the sections of Long Hill ready by next spring, that additional clean-ups would be done before the end of the year, and that he intended to lay out how many gravesites could be created using the former turn-around (which has been discontinued) and present a plan to the Commission also in the spring.

V. Comments from Visitors - none

VI. Adjournment

Ms. McDonald moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Ruhp seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously. Chairman Frost declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Neil J. Harrington
Town Manager