

**Princeton Cemetery Commission Meeting – Monday September 16, 2019**  
**Town Hall Annex - Small Meeting Room**  
**Minutes**

September 18, 2019

**Present:** Paul Constantino, Lou Trostel, Greg Miranda and Cemetery Superintendent, Bill Bergstrom.

**Absent:** Charlie Steele

**Chairman Pro-Tem**

Due to the absence of Chairman Steele, member Constantino was designated as the chairman pro-tem for the meeting.

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro-Tem, Constantino at the Town Hall Annex – Small Meeting Room at 7:14 P.M.**

**Review of July 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from previous meeting were sent out late and 2 of the 3 members had not had a chance to review.

A motion was made by member, Constantino to table the review until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by member, Trostel. The motion passed. Vote: 3 – 0.

**Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours Before Meeting**

A question was presented to the commission by Doug and Joyce Anderson, inquiring whether it would be possible to purchase an additional lot in Woodlawn Cemetery. They had previously purchased 11 lots of a 12-lot section in 2015, and due to a change in family circumstances now desired to purchase the twelfth lot.

Member, Miranda noted that there is a restriction in the Cemetery Rules and Regulations (Section II. 2) which states “the total number of lots purchased by a resident may not exceed four”, but that it was unclear what determined the number of residents in this case, and that the initial purchase had been allowed. Commission members decided to take the issue under advisement for further review before making a decision.

The Andersons also pointed out some deficiencies in the stone walls leading into Woodlawn Cemetery, along with an offer to potentially assist with fundraising if that would help to restore their condition. That area is outside of the cemetery boundary itself. The commission appreciated their offer and concern for the appearance of the town cemeteries and proposed that the Highway Department might be able to provide a solution prior to requiring private assistance.

**Cemetery Superintendent’s Report**

Cemetery Superintendent, Bergstrom noted that he was expecting a quote from Leominster Monuments for repair work on broken/fallen memorial stones. They would be able to do repairs in-the-field, so that the stones would not have to be relocated to an indoor facility first. After the cost is known, the repair work can be prioritized by the commission.

Low hanging tree branches that had been obscuring memorials were trimmed in Parker I.

Several lots were sold since the last meeting.

Mulch was purchased and deposited in Woodlawn Cemetery for the public to use with plantings around memorials. The public is encouraged to utilize this approved mulch to give a natural and uniform appearance to the cemeteries.

Maintenance and repair work were completed on the paved walk in North Cemetery. Extra drainage stone was added in spots to reduce erosion in the future. Some repairs to the grass were also performed, including the use of fabric stabilization, in some hard to grow hilly sections.

The flagpole light at South and the light fixture at Woodlawn Cemeteries were replaced by the town Light Department. Someone noted that the light at Woodlawn might be out again; Superintendent Bergstrom will investigate.

### **Green Burials**

Not all of the attending members were able to review the materials regarding green burials prior to the meeting. It was suggested that the issue be discussed at the next meeting after proper review and with the Chairman in attendance.

Member, Miranda made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by member, Constantino, and passed 3-0.

### **Next Meeting – October 21, 2019**

Chairman Pro-Tem, Constantino set the time and date for the next meeting, 7:00 P.M. on October 21, 2019 at the Town Hall Annex - Small Meeting Room.

Member, Trostel motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by Member, Miranda.

Motion Passed: 3 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.