

Town of Lunenburg



Cemetery Commission

William Tyler, Chairman
Lorraine Mendoza, Vice-Chairman
Nancy Foss Yasko, Clerk

Lunenburg Cemetery Commission – Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 26, 2019
Lunenburg DPW Building Conference Room
520 Chase Road, Lunenburg, MA

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Commissioner Chairman, Tyler, other members present were Lorraine Mendoza, Vice-Chair, and Nancy Foss Yasko, Clerk. Also present was Todd Holman, Cemetery Superintendent.

Minutes were read from August 08, 2019 meeting. Upon a motion by Chairman, Tyler – to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Vice-Chair Mendoza, minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman, Tyler started the meeting asking if there had been any new correspondence from anyone. Todd Holman, Cemetery Superintendent, replied stating, “No,” but wanted to bring up a complaint regarding Louise Morin. Louise has distributed white rocks and a plant in front of the gravestone, which is a violation of the rules and regulations at the cemetery. Todd has requested that the Cemetery Commission send a certified letter to the home address at: 74 Forest Hill Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420. Unfortunately, previously the Cemetery Commission decided to stop sending certified letters, as no one ever responds. Under our rules and regulations, it is acceptable to remove the rocks from this grave site, by the Superintendent – Todd Holman. A request was made to call the person directly, which was done by Chairman, Tyler. However, in the future, the rules and regulations have been posted in both cemeteries – therefore, no calls or certified letters will be sent going forward.

Chairman, Tyler asked that the Cemetery Commission review the Chapter 310 – Rules and Regulations. Upon reviewing the material, Chairman Tyler suggested that we add the comments into the documentation, but to review the final draft at our next Cemetery Commission Meeting on October 10, 2019. This was approved unanimously.

Chairman, Tyler stated that the students from Monty Tech – Phase 1 was complete. The building will need a sealant/paint to be applied to the cinder blocks. There will be a painting party in the next few weeks if anyone is interested. Chairman, Tyler and Todd Holman, Superintendent spoke about the next phases of this project, but were not happy that the trusses might have to sit outside on the ground for the winter months. The next phase/timeframe of this project cannot be determined at this time. This is due to another project that the students at Monty Tech are trying to finish before our project can start. The trusses need to be ordered at least four weeks in advance, and delivered before the next Phase can begin. Todd Holman, Superintendent has assured everyone that if they are stacked on pallets, and covered well, there should not be any issues with the trusses. Chairman, Tyler and Nancy Foss-Yasko, Clerk are not thrilled about having these trusses not put into place when they are delivered, but are relying on the professionals regarding this matter.

Further discussions - Chairman, Tyler will be reaching out to Jack Rodriquenz, Director of DPW – regarding summer help for Todd Holman, Cemetery Superintendent and what is needed going forward for the FY21 Budget.

With no further business before the Commission, a motion was made to adjourn by Chairman, Tyler, seconded by Nancy Foss Yasko, Clerk. With no further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Foss Yasko, MBA
Lunenburg Cemetery Commission, Clerk