

Dennis Cemetery Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Committee Conference Room of the Dennis Department of Public Works Complex Building,
120 Theophilus Smith Road, South Dennis, MA 02660

PRESENT: Diane Rochelle, Terri Fox, Boni Heleen, Rebecca Smith Cemetery Coordinator;
Excused Jane Stevens & Joe Theroux

CALL TO ORDER: 4:02 PM

I. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

II. MINUTES: February 28, 2023 minutes were approved as received.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: after discussion, it was voted unanimously on a motion by Terri Fox, seconded by Boni Heleen, to support the removal of 2 trees at Dennis Village Cemetery and 2 trees at Oak Ridge Cemetery and to support replanting per review of recommended location at Oak Ridge Cemetery, but not to support replanting at Dennis Village Cemetery. Boni will survey DVC for any further tree removals. There was no new information on the Oak Ridge Cemetery Master plan. A new flag pole at Oak Ridge Cemetery is being researched.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

2023 CPC grant application, Dennis Village Cem. fence & stone repairs - Select Board has approved grant application and it will be submitted to CPC by May 5.

Wreaths Across America - they are waiting for information on purchase of wreaths for this Xmas. An updated veteran's list was requested

Review land reserved for Liberty Cemetery - CAC will review next month to update a recommended status: future cemetery use or passive land. A date will be set to invite the public.

Cemetery Repairs, Cleaning and Survey - Benjamin Sturgis stone, L32, previously repaired, has fallen in W. Dennis Cemetery. It will be attended to.

Burial Requests for Inactive Cemeteries - status of regulation of un-regulated burials and monument placements will be requested from the Cemetery Commissioners.

V. NEW BUSINESS: Rebecca Smith, Cemetery Coordinator, and Patrick Clancy, Cemetery Crew Leader, met with Diane to site a location for a bronze plaque on boulder to commemorate Patriots of the American Revolution. On a motion by Terri Fox, seconded by Boni Heleen, a site near the Receiving Tomb was unanimously recommended and will be forwarded to the Select Board, Cemetery Commissioners, for their approval along with our support for a CPC grant application from the Dennis Historical Commission to fund the project.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 5:06 PM

VI. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 4 p.m., DPW Complex Building

Respectfully submitted, Diane Rochelle