

Town of Millbury
Minutes of
Cemetery Commission Meeting
February 12, 2018

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ITEM ONE – CALL TO ORDER

Marcia Landry called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
Present: Marcia Landry, Randy Mogren, Keith Nastasia, Andrea Paquette
Absent: Gil Picard

ITEM TWO – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marcia Landry motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2018 as submitted;
Randy Mogren seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.

ITEM THREE – COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission was made aware of correspondence recently received from a relative of Edgar Lyon. Mr. Lyon purchased 12 graves (Section 2, Lot 367) in Central Cemetery in 1907, the rights for which his daughter, Evelyn Lyon Irons inherited upon his death. Ms. Irons' niece contacted the office and sent us several documents she recently found while going through her now deceased Aunt's belongings. Documents included: a letter written by Evelyn Lyon Iron in 1985, in which she granted rights to the seven remaining empty graves in Lot 367 back to the Town; and the original Treasurer's receipt dated March 28, 1907 to Edgar Lyon for payment of the lot. Following discussion Marcia Landry motioned to accept forfeiture of the 7 graves in Section 2, Lot 367 and refund \$100.00 (purchase price); Randy Mogren seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.

ITEM FOUR – OLD BUSINESS

- DPW Director, Keith Nastasia updated the Commission about the Cemetery Expansion Project. He said he has been working with Weston & Sampson Engineering to get an estimate on how much it would cost for services to develop a working plan, including any necessary permitting costs for the utilization of the land the Town acquired adjacent to Central Cemetery. He received an estimate of \$50,000. Keith said the engineers would like to proceed at this time with \$15,000. The Cemetery Commission has an existing account of \$60,000 for the Cemetery Expansion Project which requires approval at Town Meeting to expend funds. Keith said he realizes the Commission must present an Article at the May Town meeting and so to meet the deadline he has already held a place for this Article.
Marcia Landry motioned to place an Article on the May 1, 2018 Town Meeting to request approval to expend \$50,000 for the cost for engineering services for the purpose of expansion of the cemetery; Randy Mogren seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.
- Section 7, Lot 22 - inspect available lot size - matter tabled until Spring

ITEM FIVE – OTHER

The clerk made the Cemetery Commission aware of 19 lots which she discovered had been previously sold but are now deeded back to the Town and available for sale. She said she will maintain a spreadsheet account of these lots and any others she may find are again available, and will notify area funeral directors of the same when need arises.

ITEM SIX – DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued regarding donating a section of (Town) property adjacent to St. Brigid's Cemetery so that they may expand their portion of the cemetery with additional lots. St. Brigid's Cemetery is currently at full capacity with no lots remaining. The expense to develop the acquired land will be solely at their cost with all lots made available for Millbury residents only. Upon discussion, all agreed to donating the land. The DPW Director will pursue accordingly.

ITEM SEVEN – FUTURE MEETING DATES

3/12/18, 4/9/18, 5/14/18

ITEM EIGHT – ADJOURNMENT

At 5:42 p.m. Randy Mogren motioned to adjourn the meeting, Marcia Landry seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Paquette

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Head Clerk

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