

**Princeton Cemetery Commission Meeting – Monday June 13, 2016**  
**Town Hall Annex Meeting Room**  
**Minutes**

July 6, 2016

**Present:** Lynne Grettum, Lou Trostel, Paul Constantino, Ron Milenski, and Andy Brown.

At 6:30 pm an inspection of the Parker I Cemetery took place by the Cemetery Commission members and Superintendent Brown. The condition and maintenance of Parker I Cemetery has vastly improved due to the improvement efforts of Charlie Albrecht, a Princeton citizen who is a participant in a senior work program. Charlie maintains Parker I performing the clean up, mowing, flower planting, tree pruning functions, etc... Member Constantino suggested that the Cemetery Commission sent a letter of thanks and gift card to Charlie Albrecht regarding his work efforts related to Parker I. All committee members agreed.

Chairman Grettum mentioned that upon her polling of the neighbors who live near Parker I Cemetery none were in favor of installing a flagpole with U. S. flag and lighting it. She suggested that a plaque/sign with historical information related to this cemetery might be an alternative.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Lynne Grettum at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall meeting room.

**Prior Meeting Minutes Review**

The May 2016 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved, 3 - 0. Motion by member, Trostel; seconded by member, Milenski.

**Superintendent's Report & Discussion**

- A. Brown's Superintendent Report was submitted by email and reviewed. Everything is working well aside from replacing a broken mower blade on the mower.
- B. Brown mentioned that Woodlawn Cemetery was fertilized in preparation for Memorial Day and that fertilizer has made a significant improvement in the appearance and quality of the turf. He suggested that the committee estimate the cost of a fertilizer application for the other cemeteries. Member Milenski will prepare a cost estimate for fertilizer for the one application per year for all cemeteries.
- C. The committee reviewed Superintendent Brown's Memo – June 7, 2016 recommending a pay increase for Chris Foley, part time, seasonal employee. Foley presently is paid \$12.52/hour and Brown has recommended an increase to \$14.00/hour. Brown mentioned that Foley's job performance is outstanding and that his pay level is low in comparison with other town employees. Brown also mentioned that the funding for the increase would be expensed to the Boylston Cemetery budget. Member Milenski made motion to approve the increase for Foley; seconded by Member, Trostel. Vote approved: 4 – 0.
- D. The lights for the West Cemetery flag pole are in hand and Superintendent, Brown will coordinate the installation with the Princeton Municipal Light Department.

- E. The committee reviewed the new cemetery plot/lot maps for Woodlawn Cemetery sections 1956 and 1986. The maps were prepared by C.M.R.P.C. from Worcester, Ma. These maps now provide an accurate account of the occupied and available plots/lots in these sections of Woodlawn Cemetery. This is a vast improvement vs. prior records. Brown suggested that the next mapping project should be the mapping of Woodlawn's main section.
- F. Brown suggested that the committee approve \$1,600.00 from the budget - project account to complete Ground Radar at South Cemetery. Member, Grettum made motion to approve this work; seconded by Member, Trostel. Vote approved: 4 – 0.
- G. Noted by Brown that all other projects are on hold at this time and that \$5,100.00 remains in this account.
- H. Joyce Anderson of the Historical Committee and Steve Stimson are communicating regarding the proposed tree program for the cemeteries. The tree program includes the selection, purchase, placement and planting of 11 – 12 trees.

**Agenda Item for Next Meeting**

Review the status of Jamie Deloge's new work schedule. Changed to 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall Annex.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Submitted by Ron Milenski, Secretary

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