

**Cemetery Committee Meeting
Marlborough Town Hall
Thursday, January 18, 2023
9:00 AM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Kris Hudock called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM.

Present and seated were: Kris Hudock, Terry Parker and Sheila Guzman.

Also present: Chris Passera – Sexton

Absent: John Larensen and Joan Christmas.

Guest: R. Ghirlanda

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES 11/16/23

S. Guzman made a motion to accept the November 16, 2023 minutes as submitted. T. Parker seconded.

Motion passed 3-0-0

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions to the agenda

4. SEXTON'S REPORT

a. Sales

November: 3 single grave sales

December: 1 columbarium

2-month total: \$3,200.00

b. Burials

November: 0

December: 1

c. Maintenance Update

- School Drive gate and vault need cleaning and painting. S. Guzman to contact Boy Scouts for assistance.
- A survey has been conducted of registered graves in town records and there are very few registered.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Jones Hollow Cemetery Expansion Map

P. Hughes created a map of Jones Hollow Cemetery and conducted a geological survey. The purpose is to establish the western boundary. Will allow expansion of Jones Hollow cemetery to .72 acres. The town must approve the transfer of land and a public hearing may be required.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Columbarium Hardscaping

The columbarium hardscaping will go out for bid

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b. Neglected Cemetery Grant

Discussed under 7b.

7. UPDATE

a. Cemetery Balances

Not available

b. Century Cemetery Memorial

R. Ghirlanda (Marlborough Preservation Society) discussed the memorial monument for Century Cemetery. The proposed monument will be 4ft x 2ft x 2inches. 2 ft into the ground and anchored with concrete. The monument will contain 24 names of colored, negro and black residents who according to church records, died between 1747 and 1886 but were not buried in cemeteries. He would like to use the wording that is used in the church records "colored, negro and black". Will collaborate with the Coalition on Diversity & Equity, school and library and planned for Juneteenth 2024. R. Ghirlanda was asked to fill out a monument application for approval by the Town Manager.

Discussed using remaining grant funds of approximately \$3,000 to correct leaning stones, etc.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

S. Guzman made a motion to adjourned the meeting at 9:59 A.M. T. Parker seconded.
Motion passed 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk