

Truro Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023
Truro Town Hall



Present: Bob Masson, *Cemetery Commission (Treasurer & Recordkeeping)*
Holly Ballard-Gardner, *Cemetery Commission (Chairwoman & Secretary)*

Absent: Frank Grande, *Cemetery Commission*

Called to order at: 9:05 am

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Masson motioned to accept them; Ms. Gardner seconded. All in favor. The prior meeting's minutes were accepted and placed into the record. (One copy to Cemetery Commission file, one to Noelle Scoullar.)

Activity Report

Mr. Masson presented the year-end 2022 Activity Report, Statistics, and Financial Report. Ms. Gardner motioned to accept the Activity Report. Mr. Masson seconded. All in favor, accepted, placed in the record.

Public Comment

No visitors present.

Old Business

Have not heard back from Kate Frank regarding the Pine Grove plot transfer. Still holding Mr. Haba's check awaiting Mrs. Frank's signature on the transfer document.

New Business

The commission investigated Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grants. Mrs. Gardner made a motion that the commission apply for a grant to fund fence repair and preservation and restoration of historic stones. Mr. Masson seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment

Ms. Gardner motioned for adjournment at 9:15am. A visitor arrived. The commission reopened Public Comment.

Public Comment

Ms. Violeta Villamil (sp?) stated she was in attendance at the recommendation of the Town Manager. She lives next to the Congregational Cemetery and wished to lodge a nuisance complaint that dog walkers in the cemeteries were allowing their dogs to enter her yard, that some of her trees have died as a result of the dogs. She said cemetery visitors don't respect her property. Ms. Villamil stated that ten years ago someone from Wellfleet flew their plane that landed on her roof. Now she keeps an eye on it, said she has seen people doing lewd acts in the

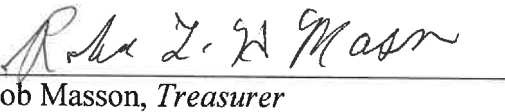
Congregational Cemetery. States it has been affecting her physically and mentally. The commission said they were sorry for her difficulties and suggested that when she notices illegal activities in the cemetery or on the road that she contact the police. The commission noted that dog walking is allowed in cemeteries and the Town leash law applies and if she notices an off-leash dog, she should report it to the police non-emergency line. Mrs. Gardner told Ms. Villamil that the commission manages the cemeteries but is not responsible for enforcing local or state law in the cemeteries, which are Town property. The commission does its best to encourage respectful behavior among cemetery visitors and will continue to do so.

Adjournment

Mr. Masson motioned for adjournment at 9:25am. Mrs. Gardner seconded. Adjourned at 9:25am.

Respectfully submitted,


Holly Ballard-Gardner, *Secretary*


Bob Masson, *Treasurer*

