

Truro Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025
Truro Town Hall



Present: Bob Masson, *Cemetery Commission*
Holly Ballard-Gardner, *Cemetery Commission*
John Dundas, *Cemetery Commission*
Jonathan Sperber

Called to order at: 9:02 am

Approval of Minutes

The November 2024 minutes were reviewed (no meeting in December). Mr. Dundas motioned to accept, Mr. Masson seconded, all in favor. Minutes signed and passed into the record.

Activity Report

Mr. Masson presented the activity report that indicates no activity. In the summary report for 2024, there were 17 burials for a new total of 6,288 known burials in Truro. Since 1997, there have been 547 burials, putting the average at 20 per year. There were 37 deaths per year.

Public Comment

Mr. Sperber, dissatisfied with the Commission's denial of his request for a refund for the purchase of his lot at Old North reported that he met with the Town Manager to discuss his complaint. Mr. Sperber states that the Town Manager said he had requested the advice of Town legal counsel and that the Commission should buy back the lot for the same amount Mr. Sperber paid for it and that the refund request should be included on the Town Warrant.

Old Business

Regarding the supply of veteran markers, Mr. Dundas inquired with DPW and discussed the issue of replacement of broker markers (in addition to installing new ones on new graves). Mr. Dundas said Michael will be ordering a new supply and Mr. Dundas will check on the timing.

Mrs. Gardner reported on several ongoing projects:

The Commission made a final budget report to the CPC for the gravestone repair project and returned some of the grant money unused.

For the Field Guide grant, the Commission asked if the CPC would allow the Commission to use unused funds to reprint the Field Guide as it has already been very popular. The CPC kindly agreed. In addition to printing a new run of guides, the Commission will put the PDF of Field Guide on Town website.

Mrs. Gardner proposed postponing the discussion about requiring a permit for the installation of gravestones until further research could be done on the best practices for this process.

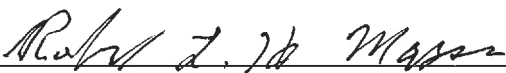
New Business

Mrs. Gardner presented a mock-up of the digital deed to be used in lieu of a paper deed as the Commission shifts to digital record keeping.

Mr. Dundas motioned for adjournment at 9:18am. Seconded by Mrs. Gardner seconded.
Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Holly Ballard-Gardner, *Secretary*


Bob Masson, *Treasurer*

