



Riverside Cemetery Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

In response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Governor Mills signed [LD 2167, An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#), which is now PL 2019, c. 617.

Part G enacts Title 1, section 403-A, Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of state of emergency due to COVID-19. It authorizes conducting public proceedings through telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means of remote participation with specific conditions. The section is repealed 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency.

Welcome

Chairman April Powell called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Roll Call

Present

Wayne Brooking, Jr.

April Powell

Sharon Smarc

Debra Lane, Town Clerk

Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2021

Moved by Wayne Brooking, Jr. and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 19, 2021 as written.

(2 yes) (0 no)

Public Comments

No members of the public attended.

Request to Purchase Lots

Richard & Nancy Harris – Residents of Portland requesting to purchase 2 full size lots. Never lived in Cape Elizabeth. Mrs. Harris' parents, aunts and uncles are buried in Riverside. The Riverside Cemetery Committee reviewed the request on April 19, 2021 and requested additional information.

Debra followed up with Mr. & Mrs. Harris by phone. Mrs. Harris indicated she did not know exactly when her family lived in Cape Elizabeth however; it was a long time ago. When offered more time, the Harris' opted not to provide the information.

Moved by Wayne Brooking, Jr. and Seconded by April Powell to regretfully deny the request of Mr. & Mrs. Harris to purchase two lots in Riverside Memorial Cemetery due to lack of residency.

(3 yes) (0 no)

Robert B. McKeagney – Resident of South Portland requesting to purchase a lot to accompany the cremains of him and his late wife.

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking, Jr. to approve the request of Robert B. McKeagney to purchase a lot to accommodate the cremains of him and his late wife, Clare Williams McKeagney. Mr. & Mrs. McKeagney were residents of Cape Elizabeth for 35 and 55 years respectively.

(3 yes) (0 no)

At the last meeting, the committee discussed dogs within the cemetery. Dogs are allowed within the cemetery however, they must be on a leash.

Debra recently received a call from the Supervisor at Public Works asking about the ordinance relating to dogs within the cemetery. There seems to be increased activity, dogs not on a leash, dogs using lots and headstones as a rest area.

Will additional signage help to enforce the ordinance and clean up after dogs?

Perhaps it is time to recommend no dogs within Riverside Memorial Cemetery.

The committee is willing to write a letter in support of banning dogs within the cemetery if other measures are not effective.

Debra will contact the Town Manager for additional review and possible next steps.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Adjournment

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to adjourn at 10:20 a.m.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk