

Approved: 6/28/22

Paxton Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes from May 24, 2022
The John Bauer Senior Center, Activity Room
17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Present:

- ✓ **Chairperson:** Christopher D. Stone (CS)
- ✓ **Clerk:** Brian Brosnihan (BB)
- ✓ **Director of Public Works:** Travis Thibault (TT)
- ✓ **DPW Administrative Assistant:** Tiffany Sidhom

Absent:

Vice-Chairperson: Joanna A.H. MacGugan

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Subject	Discussion	Decision/Recommendation
Meeting Minutes	Review Meeting Minutes from the April 26, 2022 meeting.	Motion (CS) seconded (BB) to approve the minutes as written.
Mooreland Cemetery – Maintenance Update	(TT) states that the DPW crew has been cleaning up the cemeteries for Memorial Day. (BB) states there were many dandelions at Mooreland Cemetery the last time he was there. (BB) states that people are noticing dead trees within Mooreland. (TT) states that a resident on Richards Avenue is complaining about dust from the leaf dump blowing onto her property and is requesting that something be done to remediate the dust.	(TT) states that Hansson will be out to do step two of fertilization this weekend, which should help with the dandelions. (TT) will evaluate the trees at Mooreland and try to remove any dead standing trees when the DPW gets the bucket truck again. (TT) will also explore options for remediating the dust at the leaf dump, which may include laying more millings on the driveway, and/or installing plantings.

Mooreland Cemetery – Lot Information Cards	(TT) states that I.T. is working on getting the software onto a laptop that DPW can bring to Mooreland.	(TT) will resume verifying burial information once the software is installed.
Center Cemetery – Maintenance Update	<p>(TT) states that the Center Cemetery has been cleaned up for Memorial Day.</p> <p>(CS) noticed children from the church daycare playing in the Center Cemetery. (CS) spoke with the Assistant Director of the daycare in person on May 24, 2022, reminding them of the dangers and that they are not permitted to have the children in the cemetery. A notice was sent to them in May of 2019 regarding same.</p>	<p>DPW crews will again be reminded not to string trim close to stones.</p> <p>The Commission will send a second letter to the daycare via certified mail, reminding them of the dangers and that the children are not permitted to play in the cemetery.</p>
Center Cemetery – Grave Stone Restoration Update	(CS) states that Historic Gravestone Services has already completed 18 stones as part of the latest round of restoration and has submitted a bill for same.	
Center Cemetery – Grave Markers Preservation	(CS) has located a list of all veterans that are at the Center Cemetery and will share a copy with (TT).	
Center Cemetery – Historic Walk with Historical Commission Update		The Commission tabled this topic as Joanna MacGugan was not present.
New Business – Requests for Headstones	(TT) presented two separate headstone requests for: Herron at 41 Laurel Avenue (one headstone), and Clark (Contonio) at 35 Birch Avenue (four headstones, total).	The Commission approved both requests.

New Business – Return of Veteran Markers	(TT) presented letters from Veterans Affairs regarding the return of two veteran markers.	Tiffany will investigate the letters further with Veterans Affairs as well as Jeff Kent, the Veterans' Agent for the town, if necessary.
Public Comments	None.	
Next Meeting		Tuesday, June 28, 2022 (Subject to Change)
Adjournment		Motion (CS) seconded (BB) to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tiffany Sidhom, DPW Administrative Assistant

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