

Approved: 2/15/22

Paxton Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2021
The John Bauer Senior Center, Basement
17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Present:

- ✓ **Chairperson:** Christopher D. Stone (CS)
- ✓ **Vice-Chairperson:** Joanna A.H. MacGugan (JM)
- ✓ **Director of Public Works:** Travis Thibault (TT)
- ✓ **DPW Administrative Assistant:** Tiffany Sidhom

Absent:

Clerk: Brian Brosnihan

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

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Subject	Discussion	Decision/Recommendation
Meeting Minutes	Review Meeting Minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting	Motion (CS) seconded (JM) to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous, all in favor.
Mooreland Cemetery – Request for Second Headstone	(TT): The Ritacco family is looking to install a second headstone at their six-plot lot. They already have one headstone there, and the Rules and Regulations stipulate that a second headstone must be approved by the Commission.	The Commission reviewed the drawings and specifications from the granite company and agreed that the second headstone will be allowed as it is within reason in relation to the plots.
Mooreland Cemetery – Request to Purchase Additional Lots	(TT): Maria Payne is requesting to purchase more lots at Mooreland Cemetery. Ms. Payne currently owns 19 lots in total at the Cemetery.	The Commission denies Ms. Payne's request to purchase additional lots as the Rules and Regulations state that each family should own no more than 6 lots. Ms. Payne is welcome to come before the Commission with any further questions or comments.

Mooreland Cemetery – Information Cards	(TT): No action at this time; will need to wait until Spring.	
Mooreland & Center Cemetery – Maintenance Update	(TT): Fall clean ups continue as weather permits. The Water Foreman investigated the suspected leaking tap at Center Cemetery; he could not identify a leak.	
Center Cemetery – Grave Preservation	(CS): Has not spoken with TaMara recently, but believes she has 3 stones left to complete.	CS will follow up with TaMara
New Business – Idea for Collaboration with Historical Commission	(JM): Had an idea to develop some type of collaborative event between the Cemetery Commission and Historical Commission where actors (either local townspeople or students) portray individuals interred in Paxton's cemeteries to encourage interest in Paxton's history and cemeteries. Perhaps such an event could be ready to put in place by October 2022.	The Commission agreed it was a wonderful idea. (JM) will connect with Anita Fenton of the Historical Commission to discuss details and will report back to the Commission.
Public Comment	None	
Next Meeting		Tuesday, November 16, 2021 (Subject to Change)
Adjournment		7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tiffany Sidhom, DPW Administrative Assistant