

Truro Cemetery Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2023  
Truro Town Hall



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

Called to order at: 8:57 am

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 16, 2023 meeting were presented and 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 August's Activity Report. New burials include Galvin at Methodist, McKhann at New South, and Egan, the first green burial at Old North. Sale of lots at New South were Albert, McKhann and two at Congregational – Siebert, Janson. Need to correct the spelling of Jonathan Sperber and Jacqueline Koffmann in the records and maps. Ms. Gardner motioned to accept the Report. Mr. Masson seconded. All in favor.

**Treasurer Report**

A problem at Sacred Heart. Mr. Masson met with Doug Cox the landscaper at Sacred Heart – and paid for 3 cuttings. The Parish didn't pay three bills for \$900 each and owe Mr. Cox \$2700 for 3 cuttings. There were 6 cuttings that occurred and the Commission paid for 3. The other two plus the 3<sup>rd</sup> are unpaid. Mr. Masson has sent the bill twice to the Parish in Wellfleet (Our Lady of Lourdes). So Mr. Cox stopped cutting. Ms. Gardner agreed to call Fr. Hamel as he had previously indicated a willingness to pay all the bills. Mr. Cox refuses to cut until paid. The Parish needs to pay Mr Cox ASAP. Ms. Gardner motioned to accept the Report. Mr. Masson seconded. All in favor.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Sperber said that the design of the Natural Burial area sign is very attractive and asked that the Commission consider with local traditions that perhaps the letters be painted. Mr. Sperber asked about the groundcover and plantings in the green burial area at Old North and asked about cherry trees along the iron fence, "To make it feel more of a whole," he said. Ms. Gardner responded that new landscape installation at Old North would be contingent upon finding funds for it and would be considered in the Spring of 2024.

**Old Business**

The divider fence at Old North's green burial area is underway. We will pay John Fougere when complete. It will be a split rail natural cedar fence. A sketch of sign was approved. Cedar with carved letters. No paint.

**New Business**

Agreed to put on a future agenda a discussion of managing Congregational which has been requested by the Friends of the Meetinghouse.


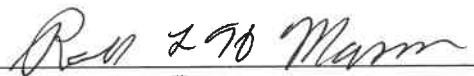
Provincetown Cemetery Commission invited us to an education session on new burial methods, which we will attend.

It was noted that Noelle advised us of the need to complete ethics and open meeting law training as required by the Town and State.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Holly Ballard-Gardner, *Secretary*  
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Bob Masson, *Treasurer*