Truro Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes June 15, 2022 Truro Town Hall

Present:

Bob Masson, Cemetery Commission (Treasurer & Recordkeeping)

Holly Ballard-Gardner, Cemetery Commission (Chairwoman & Secretary)

Called to order at: 8:59 am

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Masson motioned to accept. Ms. Ballard-Gardner seconded. All in favor. The May 16 minutes were accepted and placed into the record. (One copy to Cemetery Commission file, one to Noelle Scoullar.)

Activity Report

Mr. Masson reported two burials since our last report: Alice Bergman (6-11-22, Pine Grove) and Mara Elizabeth Bishop Smith (6-12-22, Sacred Heart). Ms. Ballard-Gardner motioned to accept. Mr. Masson seconded. All in favor, accepted, placed in the statistics record.

New Business

Ms. Ballard-Gardner reported that she had reviewed the slides prepared and updated by Mr. Masson for the September Cemetery Tour being organized with the Truro Library. She will convert them to files suitable for using in a projected presentation at the library and prepare information for the library to promote the event.

Ms. Ballard-Gardner reported that she had inquired with the Walsh Planning Committee about using a portion of the property for green burials but received no significant feedback. Previous discussion on green burials indicates there is a demand and a place for green burials in Truro. The topic was left for future research.

There is a dead cedar in front of Old North Cemetery, but it is on Town property not in the cemetery, so the landscaper won't be asked to remove it.

An inquiry by Nate Gorman on May 21, 2022 about an ancestor named Benjamin Vickery (b. 1664 d. 1718) who is mentioned as having been buried at Old North, but who is not in our current records although his brother Deacon Jonathan Vickery is listed and a marker exists, indicates sufficient evidence of a likely burial so we will add Benjamin Vickery and his 2nd wife Mary Cooms Vickery to our records for Old North.



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Adjournment

Ms. Ballard-Gardner moved for adjournment at 9:15 am. Mr. Masson seconded, all in favor. Adjourned at 9:15. Next Meeting: Wednesday July 20 at 9:00 am, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Ballard-Gardner, Secretary

Bob Masson, Treasurer