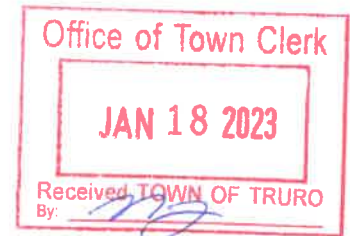


Truro Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2022
Truro Town Hall



Present: Bob Masson, *Cemetery Commission (Treasurer & Recordkeeping)*
Holly Ballard-Gardner, *Cemetery Commission (Chairwoman & Secretary)*
Frank Grande, *Cemetery Commission*
John Dundas, *Select Board Liason*
Jonathan Sperber, *Visitor*

Called to order at: 8:59 am

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Masson motioned to accept the minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. 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 the monthly Activity Report through October 19. Ms. Gardner motioned to accept the Activity Report. Mr. Masson seconded. All in favor, accepted, placed in the statistics record.

Old Business

The results of the lot price research were presented. Truro is neither the most expensive nor the cheapest on the Outer Cape. Mr. Masson moved and Ms. Gardner seconded a motion to maintain lots prices at their current level. All in favor.

A written mini-grant request for \$25,225 was prepared and will be submitted this week to the Community Preservation Committee for CPC funding for signage for Old North, Pine Grove, Congregational, and Snow, with links to digital assets and design and publication of a Field Guide to the Historic Cemeteries of Truro, Massachusetts.

New Business

Ms. Gardner noted the receipt of a check from James and Jane Rudd in the amount of \$450. We will contact them to identify what plot they wish to purchase.

Ms. Gardner gave an update on the Commission's research into the feasibility of green burials in Truro. Green burial is a way of caring for the dead with minimal environmental impact that aids in the conservation of natural resources, reduces carbon emissions, protects work health and restores and preserves the natural habitat including the water supply. Concerns mentioned about green burials relate to the stability of the ground following burial. All of Truro's "historic" burials are by definition "green." Neighboring towns have successfully included green burials and Massachusetts law permits them. The Commission agreed to explore a plan for where and how green burials might occur in Truro.

Adjournment

Ms. Gardner motioned for adjournment. Mr. Masson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:19am.

Respectfully submitted,



Holly Ballard-Gardner, *Secretary*



Bob Masson, *Treasurer*

