

Cemetery Board of Commissioners
Minutes
April 11, 2023

Board met in session at 7:01 p.m. in the office at Waterside Cemetery.
Present (constituting a quorum):

Richard F. Coletti, Chairman
Janet S. Merrill, clerk
Pam M. Peterson

Catherine M. Kobialka, Superintendent

MINUTES; Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 13, 2023 as presented. All in favor. **VOTE**

ELISHA STORY – April 30, 2023 at 11:00 am Dr. Elisha Story of Marblehead will be honored by the Boston Tea Party Museum and Revolution 250, a consortium of organizations working together to commemorate the 250th anniversaries of the events that led to the American Revolution. They will place a commemorative marker at the gravesite of Boston Tea Party participant Dr. Elisha Story at the Green Street Cemetery in Marblehead.

The event is open to the public and will be attended by Evan O'Brien, Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum Creative Manager, Jonathan Lane, Revolution 250 Coordinator, Massachusetts Historical Society, Don Doliber, Marblehead Town Historian, Eric Berg, the Worshipful Master of the Philanthropic Lodge in Marblehead, and members of Glovers Regiment.

EPOCH PRESERVATION: We have been contacted by Rachel from Epoch Preservation with regard to the Joseph and Lucretia Brown memorial here in Waterside. This memorial is on a lot owned by James Fountaine. Requested a family history be done in order to determine who has rights to approve this work being done. After brief discussion all agree this is the appropriate course of action given the notoriety of this particular situation. Will update at next meeting.

FY23 OUTLAYS UPDATE: Portable air compressor has finally arrived, has been paid for and is in operation. This is the last of our outlays for FY23.

FY24 BUDGET UPDATE: Appeared before the full Finance Committee on March 27, 2023 to discuss FY24 budget requests. All line items submitted were approved along with salaries which included the hiring of 3 seasonal employees. Seasonal openings will be posted on the Town web site

All outlays submitted were also approved. Total of \$9,495.00 to be paid from Sale of Lots:

Cemetery grass set	1295.00
Excavator tracks	4000.00
Hedge trimmers	1400.00
Jack hammer	1500.00
Fords for JD tractor	1300.00

TREES; Discussion on tree survey done by Jon Fobert. He inspected 54 trees within Waterside cemetery that need either pruning or removal. He suggests getting a total cost from a tree company to have the work done. Board agrees that the cost would be too much for what available funds this Department has. As it is now, Amy McHugh is sending in the Tree Department when available to whittle away at the list of trees she has already looked at.

GOATS; Will do some research with regard to having goats at Old Burial Hill to take care of the overgrown brush and poison ivy. Will report back at next meeting.

FREE CASH; Brief discussion about free cash as it relates to an override. Free cash is basically actual receipts of revenue that has exceeded estimates including any unspent amount from departmental budgets. A general override might be needed because the cost of providing Town services has increased faster than our revenue has.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next meeting July 11, 2023

Janet S. Merrill, clerk