



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# **Town of Southwick**

## **Cemetery Commission**

454 COLLEGE HIGHWAY, SOUTHWICK, MA 01077

Town Website: [www.southwickma.org](http://www.southwickma.org)

### MINUTES September 24, 2019

Commission Members in attendance: Veronica Connolly, Chairperson Present  
Jim Fahey, Commissioner Present  
Norman Boucher, Commissioner Present

Also, in attendance were Bud Phillips, Sexton; Gene Theroux, Co-Chairman, Friends of Southwick Old Cemetery; and Sue St. Sauveur, Cemetery Commission Secretary.

The scheduled meeting of the Cemetery Commission was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Connolly and voted unanimously by the Commission members.

All members of the Commission voted to put aside the regular agenda while they talked to Gene Theroux, Friends of Southwick Old Cemetery, about the work to be done for the cemetery cleanup project. There was a discussion about the material needed to be purchased and the work to be completed for the cemetery cleanup project. It was brought up by Chairperson Connolly that maybe we could get donations of material and labor by Bob Solek or Clayton Cigal.

Gene Theroux disagreed with the decision by the Commission to use \$9,000 of the allocated CPC funds to remove trees in the cemetery even though they were the ones which most needed to be done before the completion of this year's portion of the cemetery project work so they wouldn't cause any further damage to the cemetery and headstones.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Fahey that we don't sign for the trees until the Commission hears from the Town Elders and/or the Town's Lawyer with a decision about the use of the \$9,000 of CPC funds for the tree work in the cemetery and that it is not a misappropriation of funds. Commissioner Boucher seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The copy of the Minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting which had previously been emailed to the members for their review was signed.

The Commission members and the Commission Chairperson signed all bills and other paperwork that needed signatures.

The Deed for purchase of cemetery plots for Charles Condron, Sec. 7, Row I, No. 18 was signed by the two Commission members and taken by Commissioner Norman Boucher so he could have it signed and notarized at the Clerk's office.

The Commission proposed and the commission members unanimously voted \$1,000 for Bud Phillip's Purchase Order for miscellaneous cemetery repair parts, maintenance and mileage.

There was a discussion with Bud Phillips about the water tanks and hoses in the cemetery which is almost up and running.

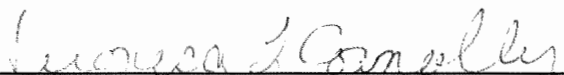
There was also a discussion by the members about the need to update the website and the Southwick Cemetery Rules & Regulation General Information Booklet to the current commission members' names, to update of a few of the rules and regulations to make things more clear and also the current prices for cemetery plots, etc.

A Motion was made by Mr. Fahey and seconded by Chairman Connolly to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. All were in favor.


Next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2019 at 5:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne St. Sauveur, Secretary

  
VERONICA CONNOLLY, CHAIRPERSON

  
NORMAN BOUCHER, COMMISSIONER

  
JAMES FAHEY, COMMISSIONER

c.c. Town Clerk  
Jim Middleton