



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# **Town of Southwick**

## **Cemetery Commission**

454 COLLEGE HIGHWAY, SOUTHWICK, MA 01077

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

### MINUTES October 29, 2019

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

Also, in attendance were Bud Phillips, Sexton; Robert Grimaldi 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 agreed on unanimously by the Commission members.

All members of the Commission voted to put aside the regular agenda to talk with Robert Grimaldi who has worked at the Southwick Cemetery with Bud Phillips for the past seven years. Mr. Grimaldi brought to the Commission's attention that the crew at Whalley Park make \$15.00 an hour while the Cemetery crew had made \$11.37 an hour until the beginning of this year when the minimum wage went up to \$12.00 which is now their current salary. The Cemetery crew would like to be paid the same as the Whalley Park crew as they have essentially the same job description, do essentially the same job, plus they do the weed whacking and they maintain the cemetery equipment (mowers, etc.) The Cemetery Commission will look into this situation for the next fiscal year budget.

The copy of the Minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting which had previously been emailed to the Commission members for their review was signed.

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

We briefly discussed that the Cemetery Commission website still needed to be updated so that the prices and information reflects the most up-to-date information.

There was also a brief discussion about the purchase of another lawnmower for the cemetery's use.

There was a discussion about the fact that the cemetery is closed in the winter, there is a sign that says 'Pass at your own risk' and that no paths would be made from the shed out into the basic cemetery. Bud's job is to keep the door to the vault open and that's it. If people go out further, they are doing so at their own risk. A motion was made and all agreed.

There was discussion by the members to clear up a couple of items in the Southwick Cemetery Rules & Regulation General Information Booklet to make things more clear.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Fahey and seconded by Commissioner Boucher to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:05 p.m. All were in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 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