

Lakeville Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Upham in the Local History Room of the Lakeville Public Library.

Members present: Commissioners Upham and Morton
absent: Commissioner Beal- due to illness

Guests: None

Minutes of the March 12, 2019 and March 18, 2019 meetings were read and approved.

The Financial Report showed that there are no outstanding invoices.

Old Business:

1. Discussion of the plaque for the Smith brothers at Betty's Neck was tabled until the next meeting.
2. Discussion concerning whom to contact if no commissioner is available to attend a burial is ongoing.

New Business:

1. Cemetery Rules and Regulations were reviewed and revised as follows:
 - a. Re next of kin ownership of plots. MGL Chapter 114, Section 29 is the applicable statute for designation of lot or grave ownership. Lakeville will follow this law.
 - b. Plot size will vary according to the cemetery location.
 - c. Only individuals approved by the Town or Cemetery Commission are allowed to perform maintenance or work in town owned cemeteries.
 - d. Winter rules will apply to burials between December and February.
 - e. Monuments must be approved and paid for before they may be set in the

cemetery.

A motion was made and seconded to approve these revisions.

2. The Cemetery Commission has \$5000.00 remaining in its budget. Work approved to be done now by South East Fence is the pinning of posts and installation of rods at Haskins Cemetery and repairs to the posts and rods at Strobridge Cemetery. Funds will be encumbered for South East Fence to install town supplied posts and rods at Precinct Cemetery/ Thompson Hill Cemetery and for Roan Barber to rebuild the walls at McCully Cemetery.
3. Bills presented for payment were approved.
4. There was a brief discussion concerning taking title to cemeteries which do not belong to the town. Tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on June 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.