

Mount Vernon Cemetery
35 Worcester Street
West Boylston, MA 01583
June 15, 2023

Chairman Mard convened the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Members present: Barbara Mard, Siobhan Bohnson and Tara Beshai

Also present: Kevin Duffy and Kevin McKee

Public Comment: No residents were in attendance at this meeting.

Welcome of new member Tara Beshai

Meeting Minutes: Upon motion of Mrs. Bohnson and Mrs. Mard it was voted all in favor to approve the May 2, 2023 meeting minutes.

Reorganize the Trustees:

- Upon motion of Mrs. Bohnson and second by Mrs. Beshai, Mrs. Mard was elected Chairman with all in favor.
- Upon motion of Mrs. Bohnson and second by Mrs. Mard, Mrs. Beshai was elected Secretary with all in favor.
- Upon motion of Mrs. Mard and second by Mrs. Beshai, Mrs. Bohnson was elected to remain Vice Chairman with all in favor.

Dog Leash Law:

- A couple of residents have been sighted on more than one occasion of walking their dogs off their leash. Mrs. Mard recently observed a resident walking their dog off-leash. Mrs. Mard approached the individual and informed them of the cemetery leash law with the request that they comply so that further action regarding this issue could be avoided. The resident agreed to comply.
- Mrs. Bohnson suggested that the Town Administrator update the town electronic board to state all dogs must be on a leash while on cemetery grounds. The Municipal Assistant joined the meeting briefly and at the request of Mrs. Mard agreed to add the leash law message on the town electronic board. Mrs. Mard will review the wording of the updated message prior to its announcement on the electronic board.
- Mrs. Bohnson suggested that the leash law be added to the Mount Vernon Cemetery Rules & Regulation pamphlet. Mr. McKee agreed to update the pamphlet for review by the next meeting.
- Mr. Duffy suggested to add leash compliance signs to each Section entrance.

Cemetery Forman Kevin McKee comments:

- A request was made for a mausoleum. Mrs. Bohnson had reservations of how this could fit in with the current layout of the Cemetery. She suggested that perhaps the P. X.T.D. cemetery would be a better fit for this type of building. The resident also requested plots in section S in lieu of a mausoleum. Mr. McKee advised that there are still many open plots in sections Q and R that should be purchased before opening Section S. Additionally Section S is not scheduled for pinning until the fall at the soonest.
- It was agreed by Mrs. Mard and Mrs. Bohnson that if the above resident makes another request for a mausoleum or plots in Section S that they attend a Trustee meeting to discuss.
- Mr. McKee suggested a site walk for the next Trustee meeting to review the open plots.
- Pruneau Builders have agreed to replace the employee entrance of the cemetery garage for \$2,000.00. No date was given for the replacement door.
- There are no current needs for cemetery grounds and equipment.
- Several trees need to be cut down. Mr. Duffy suggested that a new tree be planted for each tree removed. All were in favor of adding new trees. Mr. Duffy will research applying for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant.
- Military Footplate Maintenance: Mr. McKee stated that many graves are in need of edging and raising. Mrs. Bohnson suggested recruiting Eagle Scouts to help with this if they approach Mr. McKee for help with their badge requirements.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the Mount Vernon Chapel.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Mard, Chairman Siobhan Bohnson, Vice
Chairman

Tara L. Beshai, Secretary