

Cemetery Board of Commissioners
Minutes
April 12, 2022

Board met in session at 7:00 p.m. in the office at Waterside Cemetery.
Present (constituting a quorum):

Richard F. Coletti, Chairman
Janet S. Merrill, clerk

Catherine M. Kobialka, Superintendent

MINUTES: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 as presented. All in favor. **VOTE**

OLD BURIAL HILL SIGN: Rev. James Bixby, Judith Gates and Louis Meyi from the Marblehead Racial Justice Team along with Lauren McCormack from the Marblehead Museum appeared before the board. Rev. Bixby thanked the Commission for allowing the replacement of the Agnes tablet at Old Burial Hill. The tablet is complete and the Superintendent has met with the Memorial Dealer at OBH to discuss placement. The MRJT will be coordinating a service after the tablet has been installed by Cemetery personnel. This will be a small gathering commemorating the replica of the original tablet. All attending are to be mindful of this historical site. It is understood that this is not a reception and no refreshments will be served.

In keeping with Marblehead's diverse history the MRJT and Marblehead Museum respectfully, requested the placement of a sign detailing the placement of the replica tablet as well as parts of the life of this servant was honored by the Russell family with a memorial on Old Burial Hill. Each guest spoke on behalf of this request. The Board felt this was not an appropriate place for the proposed sign and also that it would set a precedent for others to have signs placed at the gazebo. Other options were discussed but the Board denied the proposed request.

OLD BURIAL HILL RESTORATION: Brief discussion with regard to the approved assessment of Old Burial Hill. The Old Burial Hill Committee has contracted Ivan Meijer of Building and Monument Conservation to do this additional assessment.

ARBOR DAY – CREESY GREEN: Superintendent met with Tree Warden Jon Fobart, Veterans Agent David Rodgers and Ryan Deroo of Kelley Tree Service at the future site of the new Veterans Lot at Creesy Green. Kelley Tree Service has generously donated their services to remove necessary trees at the site in order to begin planning of the Veterans Lot.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Discussion tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Brief discussion with regard to an unemployment case. The Town has contested the claim; however the funds will continue to be charged against the Cemetery budget until settled. Finance Director Steve Poulos stated we will need to go for a transfer from the reserve fund to meet these unappropriated funds.

Next meeting Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Janet S. Merrill, clerk

List of documents used:

Copy of proposed sign at OBH