

LCC minutes Feb 2020 DRAFT

The Lincoln Cemetery Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. in Town Offices. Present were: Manley Boyce, chair; Susan Harding and Rob Todd, commissioners; Valerie Fox, agent; and, Jane Layton and Peter Harvell, guests.

1. The minutes for January were accepted as written.
2. There were no new interments.
3. There was one deed to sign: Lot 1022B for David Ries and Beth Sutherland Ries.
4. Other Business
  - a. Peter Harvell, Veterans Agent, joined the meeting to discuss lowering the Town flags at the death of veterans. He said that the Code of Flags was created in 1948; there is no official enforcement of it; mostly, lowering is at the discretion of whoever controls the flag. He advocated that we have our own flag and pole at the Lexington Road Cemetery and then the DPW could lower and raise it again as part of their duties at an interment. The Cemetery Commission could also choose to lower it for other residents or reasons besides veterans. We should ask Tim Higgins, Town Manager, if there are other steps we should take in this matter. Valerie agreed to look into the cost of a flag pole with internal ropes and a solar lighting unit (so it can fly at night) and its installation cost. If we choose to fly the flags given out by the services (6' x 9'), then it should be at least 18 feet tall. To have a bugler play "taps" either the funeral home will call the appropriate armed service or Peter can do it. He offered to help us write appropriate regulations to cover a flag in the cemetery. If we have one, the Commission felt that the open center oval would be the best place to put it. This island is bounded by Crabapple Way, Dogwod Way, Oak Way, and Maple Way.
  - b. The Commission set Joey's hours at 3 hours a day for 3 days in a week, total of 9 a week. He can begin April 1 and go through November 15. He can also conduct tours for sale of lots when Valerie is not available.
  - c. The Commission will okay a name change and stone replacement for Lot 501 after it sees a drawing of the new monument.
  - d. Jane Layton said that she would work out an estimate to carve 2 signs for the Lexington Road cemetery forbidding recreational parking and dog walking. She would like to paint a light wood black, engrave the letters so that the light part of the wood shows through, then lacquer it to seal off the exposed wood from weathering. This would save painting in the grooved areas and be less expensive to create. The Commission approved this concept. Rob has recently learned of a sign painter in Colorado who seems quite reasonable. We will keep this information for future use.
  - e. Because Steve McCarthy said he might want to move Phoebe's ashes within her plot, the Commission looked at the regulations in regard to cost for disinterring ashes. Since the only cost noted was for a full casket disinterment, the Commission added a cost of \$600 for the disinterment of ashes, which is double the cost of interment. Susan suggested that in future we put a metal disk on top of containers of ashes to help locate them within a plot. This should save time in locating remains and help make accurate our lot cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Harding, commissioner