

LCC minutes May 2019

The Lincoln Cemetery Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room at Town Offices. Present were: Manley Boyce (chair), Susan Harding, Rob Todd, commissioners; Valerie Fox, Agent; Steve McDonell, DPW, guest.

1. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as amended.
2. There had been 5 interments: Esther Mann; Nathan Soukup; William Munroe; David Andrysiak; and, John Braden.
3. Four deeds were signed: Seth Rosen; Michael and Barbara Rhines; Nancy Donaldson; and, Mark and Kimberly Soukup.
4. Discussion items
 - a. Valerie distributed new copies of the maps for the Lexington Road Cemetery.
 - b. Valerie will ask the cost of the automatic shut-off water spigots before installing. The Commission decided to remove the long hoses, but store one in the shed for a backup. Short lengths of hose will be left on the spigots to make filling buckets easier.
 - c. The Commission was in agreement with raising fees to better cover our costs. Winter burials require more time to prepare and weekend burials involve overtime for the DPW. We're losing money with our current cost structure. Valerie will suggest a new fee schedule soon.
 - d. Manley asked Concord about its record management system, which so far does not exist. However, there are companies that specialize in scanning cemetery records. He will get a name.
 - e. Valerie was worried that the corner of Juniper Way that we have proposed as an area for natural burials may be too wet. Manley and Steve did not think so. Manley said he would measure the area that is appropriate.
 - f. The surveying of Fern Way should begin shortly, as will the building of the stone wall. The Commission needs to develop guidelines for acceptable markers in this area. A small upright can be placed on double lots; only a flat marker for single lots.
 - g. The Denio family wants to place a second upright marker for the father's name and dates. The Commission voted to deny the request. A flat marker can be added or more inscription put on the present one.
 - h. Parking regulations for Lexington Road were again discussed. Concord has sign which says 'No recreational parking,' and cars are towed. Should we also put up a notice that states that the Town is not responsible for accidents in the cemeteries?
 - i. Valerie will call the Order of St. Anne's again about the lot on "hold" next to the Bethany lots before releasing it for sale.
 - j. Flags will be put on the veterans' markers for Memorial Day.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harding, Commissioner