

LCC minutes June 11, 2019

The Lincoln Cemetery Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10 a.m. in Town Offices. Present were: Manley Boyce, chair, Susan Harding and Rob Todd, Commissioners; Valerie Fox, Agent.

- 1) The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as written; the April minutes were accepted with the deletion of a duplicate paragraph.
- 2) There were 8 interments: Richard Russes and Robert Russes, cremains; Donald Thompson, cremains; Stephanie Van Wart, full burial; Harold Smith, cremains; Carey Leviss, cremains; Martha Loomis Grabill, cremains; and, Kathleen Gentile, full.
- 3) Four deeds were signed: Elizabeth and Harold Smith, JF #291; Dean Smith, JF#296; Craig Smith, JF#287; and, Dale and Lori Scott, Lot #379B, cremains only. One transfer of land deed was signed for Frank Panetta.
- 4) Other Business
  - a. The Commission approved the conservation of the Dallin statue. Valerie will set it up.
  - b. New grass seed often does not grow when we can't commit to watering it every day. The Commission approved letting the plot owner try their own seed and take responsibility for watering. No new loam ordered.
  - c. Valerie will again call the Sisters of Bethany to make sure that they understand that the "Hold" lot is not part of their large plot, to get their agreement to release it for sale.
  - d. The Commission accepted the offer of free photographs of the Lincoln Cemetery taken by a drone.
  - e. A new fee structure will be discussed at the July meeting.
  - f. Increases for 2 interments in same hole will be discussed in July.
  - g. The Commission approved the purchase by Mrs. Nicholson of extra land by the Nicholson lot to save a large tree on it.
  - h. Susan Harding will provide Valerie a list of native plants to help residents with landscaping issues.
  - i. The Commission approved the purchase of bronze markers for Veterans.
  - j. Special contract work for burials ends up being out of pocket for the Cemetery Commission because of municipal budgeting procedures. Valerie will ask Colleen Wilkins for possible remedies, such as a revolving fund, direct payment by family, raising the budget line.
  - k. Along stone wall in Juniper Way it is necessary to add loam to compensate for the slope in order to make a marker flat. This will be the procedure.
  - l. The Greaves family asked to place a bench to commemorate a death for which there is no body. It can replace a headstone, but not be an addition to one. In those cases the placement will be determined in consultation with the Cemetery Commission.
  - m. Manley provided the name of a record scanning firm: Boston Computer Scanning, owned by Ted Dooling. Valerie said that she planned to use an intern and do the job in house.

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 16 (3rd week), 2019, at 10 a.m. in Town Offices. We plan to go to the cemetery to determine the size of markers to be allowed for headstones on 2-lot plots in Fern Way.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Harding, Commissioner