

LCC Minutes – June 8, 2021

The Lincoln Cemetery Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 10.00a.m. at Town Offices. Present were Rob Todd, chair; Manley Boyce, Commissioner; Doug Harding, Commissioner and Valerie Fox, Cemetery agent, Jane Layton and Susan Donaldson, DPW Office Manager.

1. The Minutes for May and June will be presented at the next meeting.
2. Jane Layton displayed a sign for approval by the commissioners regarding cemetery regulations and proposed a plan to revitalize the existing sign. The commissioners approved Jane's proposal. The DPW will remove the current sign for Jane to work on.
3. The Commissioners discussed Joey Cotoni, the cemetery caretakers hours. Joey would like to work Monday – Wednesday. Susan Donaldson informed the commission that Joey is not permitted to work on holidays as this might cause a problem with the union that the DPW staff are members of. Joey is willing to leave his second job if the commission can offer 15 hours of work per week. This is outside of the budget and was not considered viable. Joey empties the trash barrels on Monday and Friday. The Commission decided Joey should work Monday and Wednesday and the DPW will empty the trash barrels every Friday. The Commissioner's requested that Joey trim and prune unruly shrubs and bushes with the recently purchased polesaw and clippers.
4. The Commissioners requested that a broken tombstone in the Precinct Cemetery be removed by the DPW and stored for safe keeping until a conservator can work on it's restoration this summer.
5. Jane asked when green burials will be available and informed that the Commissioners are working on it and hope to be able to offer this as an option soon.
6. Valerie will ask the Conservation Department to advise on a problem area in the cemetery where the soil is constantly being eroded. The Commissioners are aware that this may be long term project.
7. Manley requested that the DPW refill a gravel area off the side of the road near the trailhead entrance and refill the potholes at the entrance to the Juniper Way section of the cemetery.
8. The Commission would like to consider building additional safeguards into the landscaping contract that would protect monuments in the cemetery. Doug will look at the current landscaping contract for possible improvements.
9. Manley would like to consider how other cemeteries manage stone damage and deterioration. The Commission would like to invite Tish, the Cemetery coordinator from Concord, to the next meeting to discuss how Concord deals with these issues.
10. Rob has replaced the maps at the entrance to the cemetery to assist visitors.
11. The Commissioners discussed suitable trash barrels for the Cemetery. They would like to get more details on who currently manages Town trash barrels. The trash barrels in current use around town would be suitable for the cemetery. Susan said the DPW is not involved in acquiring bins. Valerie will research who is accountable for this function and check if bins for the cemetery may be available.
12. Manley asked if short lengths of hose can be attached to the spigots in the cemetery, if available.

13. Rob discussed adding the Dallin statue to the insurance plan for the town. He has been in discussion with Arlington and will report back on possible options for appraisal.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.15.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Fox

Cemetery Agent