

Town of Wiscasset

Adhoc Cemetery Committee

Meeting Minutes from 21 June 2021

6 p.m. ~~5 p.m.~~ at the Wiscasset Municipal Building meeting room

Present: Peter Wells, Steve Christiansen ~~Christensen~~, Loretta Morse Leighton, Anthony Rauseo, and Pam Dunning (Selectboard liaison).

Absent: Becky Applin

Meeting was called to order and attendance taken. The minutes from the meeting of June 7, 2021 were approved by a motion made by Anthony and seconded by Steve, and the committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Old business:

Peter presented the potential sketches of possible cemetery designs and added that prior to discussing building materials there is a need to assess the availability and cost of each in relation to monies currently available and future funds. From Peter's research, he determined the likelihood of a fence being erected in the current year is slim due to scarce materials and contractors being available. He projected it would be Spring 2022 before it could be completed.

Pam Dunning, selectboard liaison, brought up the removal of the old fence and perceptions regarding the intentions for doing so, and a reminder that the selectboard makes the final decisions and the committee does not possess any power. Committee members, Loretta and Peter, asked this discussion not be conducted again as it has already been discussed at length in prior meetings, is not productive and will cause further unnecessary contention. The committee agreed again it is time to move forward and focus on future plans and recommendations for the selectboard.

Due to time, by-laws were not addressed but will be added to the next meeting agenda.

New business:

The matter of visiting town cemeteries was discussed. The committee agreed to visit five cemeteries which include Greenlawn, Woodlawn, the Ancient Cemetery, Evergreen and Jackson. Anthony made the first motion, Steve made the second, and the committee voted unanimously to visit these cemeteries. A date will be picked at the next meeting to visit these sites. Further, the idea of positing a cemetery map for the public to see was explored and all agreed it would be a wonderful idea. This proposal will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m., following a motion made by Anthony and seconded by Steve. Next meeting will be July 12, 2021.