

# LUNENBURG CEMETERY COMMISSION

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, September 14, 2023**

Lunenburg Public Library  
1023 Massachusetts Ave., Lunenburg, MA  
Suldolik Conference Room  
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**9:00 AM** – The Cemetery Commission Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. In attendance was Nancy Foss-Yasko, Chair; David Dorren, Vice-Chair & Clerk; Bill Bernard, Director DPW; Todd Holman, Superintendent; Michael-Ray Jeffreys, Select Board Chair; Tom Alonzo, Select Board Member; Heather Lemiux, Town Manager.

**Public Comment** – Nancy Foss-Yasko, Chair asked if there was any Public Comment? Michael-Ray Jeffreys wanted to make sure that the Public participation is encouraged and public comments may be welcome during committee member discussions at the discretion of the Chair.

**DPW Director Updates** – Bill Bernard stated he sent out for quotes for Landscaping companies to do the mowing/trimming of the North Cemetery. The two companies that responded were NE Acreage and Katie Forester. NE Acreage quoted \$90.00 per hour for both mowing/trimming. Katie Forester quoted \$110.00 per hour for mowing and \$65.00 per hour for trimming. Bill also mentioned that they can use the Prisoners from October to the November – TBD.

Tom Alonzo, Select Board member also stated that we should put a plan together with the DPW – requesting an increase in the final operational cost line to the budget.

Heather Lemiux, Town Manager and Michael-Ray Jeffreys, Select Board Chair gave their thoughts on moving forward with Chapter 310 – Cemetery Rules and Regulations. There is an error with the rules and regulations that are currently posted on the Lunenburg Town page. Heather has requested to go back and review past minutes regarding accepting these amended rules on 10-1-2019. The Cemetery Commission will delay a motion to accept the Chapter 310 – Cemetery Rules and Regulations – Amended 9-14-2023 in today's meeting.

Chair, Nancy Foss-Yasko suggested we have a pilot test for the North Cemetery, which includes mowing/trimming by Lakeview. The estimated cost to be \$1,600.00 - \$1,800.00. Todd Holman, Superintendent mentioned it takes a while for him to do the mowing/trimming, by himself. There are a number of phone calls while mowing, plus the bad weather.

The Cemetery Commission voted 2-0 to call in Lakeview in October to see how many hours it would takes them to finish the task at North Cemetery. This will give us an accurate picture of the time-line associated with mowing/trimming. The Cemetery Commission has agreed to pay for this one time pilot test. The following holidays needs to be addressed: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Minutes were read/reviewed from the meeting of August 24, 2023. Under advisement, it was decided to not make a motion to accept these meeting minutes, at this time. The Chair, Nancy Foss-Yasko will review and make changes in several areas of the minutes, and vote at our next meeting.

Next meeting will take place on October 19, 2023.

Chair, Nancy Foss-Yasko, made the motion to adjourn meeting at 12:01 PM. Vice-Chair & Clerk, David Dorren seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.