

# TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE

## Stockbridge Cemetery Commission Minutes

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
Town Offices, 50 Main Street. In Person and via Zoom.

### **Present:**

Karen Marshall, Chair  
Candace Currie, Vice-chair, At-large  
Pat Flinn, LHA representative  
Patrick White, Selectboard  
Terri Iemolini, Town Clerk

### **Guests:**

Peter Williams, Historical Commission

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.

1. Minutes for April 11, 2023 and May 23, 2023, motion by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Flinn.  
Approved.
2. Follow-Up
  - Marshall, Currie and Flinn transplanted a few clumps of thyme at four test plots near Agrippa Hull monument to replace grass and minimize string trimming around monuments that are showing wear due to the string trimmers.
3. Signs for Cemetery – Open Hours Dawn to Dusk
  - Currie has left a message with Naumkeag to discuss signage. Marshall noted they are interested in the size and shape of the Cemetery Hours sign that the commission is proposing with the intent to match or compliment the signs; they want to create 'Parking' signs for Naumkeag visitors during the daffodil season and not during October or for other holidays.
4. Utilities and Water at garage - postponed until Hugh is able to attend
5. Stone cleaning and other work at the Cemetery
  - Marshall reported that the work with Preservation, Inc will be scheduled most likely for the fall. The works includes: stone cleaning with volunteers, meeting and training town employees on uprighting stones, work on the Sergeant tombstones for which Community Preservation Funds of \$42,000 have been allocated.

6. Revisions to Definitions & Policies document on Monuments, Markers, Plants and Decorations

- Currie will edit the Monument, Markers and Policies document to include a definition of cremated remains as suggested by Flinn. White also suggested 'wild strawberries' as a possible groundcover instead of turf. Currie noted that 'barren strawberry' is on the list of possible plants to be planted near monuments that is a bit more ornamental than wild strawberries. Marshall suggested we hire Greenagers next spring to do some installation of strawberries.

7. Sedgewick Family Cemetery work request

- Currie followed-up with Arthur Swartz, Chair for the Sedgwick Family Cemetery Trust. She met with him to review ideas and plans for an extension to the Sedgwick pie. They own the plot of land just north of the pie that goes all the way back to the Naumkeag / Cemetery road.
- Currie provided a list of landscape architects and designers that could respond to RFP (Request for Proposal) that the Sedgwick Family Cemetery Trust plans to prepare, possibly in the fall, but there's no deadline.
- Arthur is aware that a town drainage pipe runs through the area.

8. Email addresses

- Every commission member has a town email address. Currie encourages everyone to use it.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting, August 22, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Candace Currie, Vice-chair