

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE  
Minutes of Meeting

Board or Commission: **Stockbridge Cemetery Commission**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, **January 23, 2024**

Time of meeting: 10:00am

Place of Meeting: Town Offices and Zoom

50 Main Street

Stockbridge, MA 01262

Present:

Karen Marshall, Chair

Candace Currie, Vice-Chair

Pat Flinn, LHA representative (zoom)

Peter Williams, at-large

Patrick White, Select Board

Meeting called to order at 10:05.

1. Approval of Minutes,

- Motion by Flinn to approve November 28, 2023, as edited per Flinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshall, APPROVED
- Motion by Currie to approve January 9, 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshall, APPROVED

2. CPC applications

- Williams reviewed the application for **Hearse House** restoration. Per discussions with Canales and White not feasible to apply to Mass Historical Commission. They were all of the view that the process is too burdensome and the prospects of success too small; therefore, only the CPC funding will be sought for the Hearse House project estimated at \$100,000.
  - White advised that when presenting or answering questions for this project, the commissioners should be prepared to answer to a 'Plan B' for funding, if fully funding the project doesn't receive the green light.
- Marshall submitted text for the CPC application for several marble **fence post** replacements. The text will be updated with a total estimated request of \$12,870.

3. Currie provided an overview of the remaining fence posts – and discovered metal rails and gates also need restoration. Final counts on the broken post pieces are still needed, so this year’s requested CPC funds will only replace the five identified fence posts. This project will be continued.

TOTAL POST COUNTS		TOTAL IRON RAILS		TOTAL IRON PEDESTRIAN GATES	
3	Corner (End) posts	209	Rails in Use	?	Pedestrian Gates
4	Pedestrian gate posts	1 ?	Missing Rail	?	Gate Hinges
4	Automobile gate posts	?	End Caps into Posts		
64	Total Fence posts				
	6 ? Replaced posts				
	?? Broken, 1 break				
	?? Broken, 2 or more breaks				

4. CPC Deadlines:

- Information Meeting to be held on February 1st.
- Filing deadline is February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Public meeting where decisions are announced is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

5. “Cemetery Open” Sign

- Currie is awaiting a cost estimate from Pixley Sign in Pittsfield. They have made signs for Tanglewood and Kripalu. The estimate will be based on the oval prototype ‘CEMETERY OPEN DAWN TO DUSK’. A mockup will be provided that has a dark forest green background, with off-white letters with a plan to mount on square black metal post.

6. Planning

- Marshall made a few additions to the ‘List of Master Planning Ideas for the Stockbridge Cemetery, and we discussed which items the commission want to focus on for in the next meeting.
- Currie suggested section on **Mapping** perhaps could be renamed **‘Technology, Mapping’** to focus on updating a digital map.
- White requested that the Gideon Smith Cemetery be added to the master plan as he expressed this old town cemetery is in disrepair. Marshall said she would put in on the Planning document.
- White asked about possibility of the repatriation of Indian Burial Grounds, and if this topic comes under the purview of the Cemetery Commission. After discussion it was they do not, as the parcels are not Stockbridge-owned property.

Next Meeting February 27, 2024 at 10:00am

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Currie, Vice Chair