



**Riverside Cemetery Committee
Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall – Jordan Conference Room**

Welcome

Roll Call

Present

Wayne Brooking, Jr.

April Powell

Sharon Smarc, Chairman

Debra Lane, Town Clerk

Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2018

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 26, 2018 as written.

(2 yes) (0 no) (1 abstention Wayne Brooking)

The committee did not raise objection when Mr. Brooking requested to abstain as he was not a member of the committee in 2018.

Request to Purchase Lots

Dr. Wayne Creelman

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking to deny the request of Dr. Wayne Creelman to purchase two lots in Riverside Cemetery. The denial was based on the short-term residency (8 years, 1984 - 1992) of Dr. Creelman and his family, and having moved 27 years ago. Dr. Creelman's service on the town council was acknowledged and appreciated.

(3 yes) (0 no)

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Peggy Mateer – Non-resident

Moved by Wayne Brooking and Seconded by April Powell to deny the request of Peggy Mateer to purchase lots in Riverside Cemetery for she and her husband and two children. The committee denied the request as Mrs. Mateer and her family were not residents of Cape Elizabeth, rather they summered in Delano Park from 1991 – 2004.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Janet Wood Staples

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking to approve the request of Janet Wood Staples to purchase 2 cremation lots to accompany she and her husband and daughter (Jackie Moran). Although Mrs. Staples moved from Cape Elizabeth in 2009, the approval was based on the long-term residency of Mrs. Staples and her family. Mrs. Staples' parents have lived in Cape Elizabeth since 1963; she and her brother graduated from CEHS. Mrs. Staples also raised her children in Cape Elizabeth and they graduated from CEHS. Mrs. Staples' brother and sister-in-law own lots in Riverside Cemetery.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Elizabeth Leighton – Request to purchase 2 lots. Grandfather, father and aunt were long-time residents. Summers spent on Ocean Avenue 1950-2002. Inherited cottage and spent summers 1976 – 2002.

Moved by Wayne Brooking and Seconded by April Powell to table the request of Elizabeth Leighton to purchase 2 lots in Riverside Cemetery pending additional information. Did Ms. Leighton and her immediately family reside in Cape Elizabeth? Is the cottage on 13 Ocean Avenue still owned by Ms. Leighton? Do any relatives own lots in Riverside or buried in Riverside?
(3 yes) (0 no)

Request for Buy Back

Estate of Cynthia Chace – Section MP-Q Lot #13

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking to table the request of the Estate of Cynthia Chace to buyback MP-Q Lot #13 pending additional information. If the estate has been settled it appears there would be no account to deposit the funds for Ms. Chace. Has the original deed been located?
(3 yes) (0 no)

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Williams Gribbin – Section MP-L Lot ##25 – 30.

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking to approve the buyback of William K. Gribbin for six lots in Riverside Cemetery, Section MP-L Lot #25 - #30. The lots are vacant and the original deed has been returned to the Town.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled pending receipt of the additional information requested from this meeting.

Sharon Smarc has requested a discussion of overgrown shrubs.

The committee would like to begin a review or brainstorming sessions to possibly establish criteria that may be used when considering requests from non-residents to purchase lots.

The town is reviewing the costs for the final build out at Riverside Cemetery. A plan for the final phase will be provided to the committee.

Adjournment

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk