

MINUTES OF : Meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners

MEETING POSTED: YES

DATE: 10/28/2015 TIME: 2:00pm

PLACE: Town Hall Room *Nov 24 2015*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Klauer, Joe Will, Connie Ingram

*TOWN CLERK  
ACTON*

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Tidman, Nina Pickering-Cook (Town Counsel)

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2pm

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and sign minutes from last meeting. Signed, approved.

Discuss progress on the Madden property(176 Central Street, nee "12 Summer Street") development and possible purchase by the Town.

Joe Will: We're here to support the purchase and discuss how we might help fund the purchase.

Some Cemetery Land Funds may be needed to purchase the uplands portion of the property.

Nina: How Land Funds can be used:

Really 2 sections of the parcel; large wetlands, smaller dry uplands.

The upper dry area could be used for burials, park land, memorial garden however proximity to wetlands could pose a problem regarding the wetlands buffer zone.

Joe Will: Could the Cemetery Commission buy a small portion of the land with the remainder of land acquired with Community Preservation Act funds?

Nina: YES

Judy Catandrick, Windsor Ave: Is there Town support to purchase?

Susan Mitchel-Hardt (Acton Conservation Trust): Supports the purchase.

Joe Glannon: Citizens are interested in being involved, including fund raising.

Bill Klauer: Concerned about restrictions on the use of the land once purchased.

Nina: There's a process to gain State and Town approval for burials. For a park or garden Community Preservation Act funds can be investigated for use.

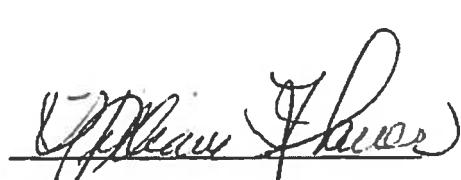
Bill Klauer: The Town has always purchased cemetery land. The Cemetery Commission has never purchased land.

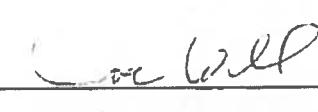
Jim Snyder-Grant: This may not be a developable piece of land.

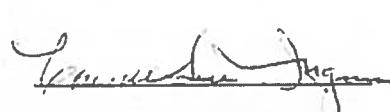
Susan Mitchel-Hardt: 2007 Sudbury Valley Trustees and Acton Conservation Trust met with the landowner to try to buy it with the feeling that the land was not buildable and was back-land. The owner was not willing to sell at such a low rate.

Franny Osman: The asking price is now \$500,000.00

Nina: Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds can be used in conjunction with other funds. CPA can only pay up to the appraised value. On November 10, 2015 there is a Special Town Meeting article for the Town to purchase the property. A new appraisal has been approved and is underway.

  
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NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Christmas wreath purchases per trust fund requirements. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

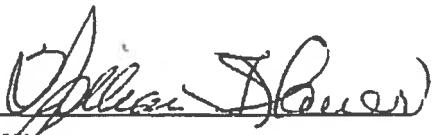
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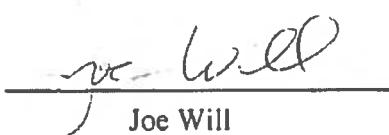
Trust fund breakdown for Christmas wreath purchases.

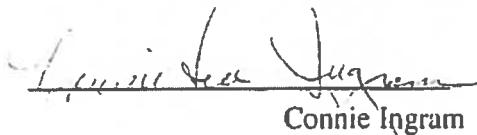
Land fund earnings statement.

Meeting adjourned at : 3:20pm

Next meeting scheduled for: 11/18/2015

  
Bill Krauer

  
Joe Will

  
Connie Ingram