

Approved: 12/13/2023

Paxton Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2023
John Bauer Senior Center
Activity Room
17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Present:

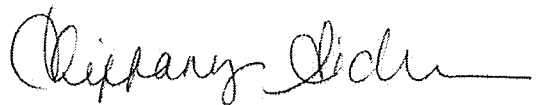
- ✓ **Chairman:** Brian Brosnihan (BB)
- ✓ **Vice Chairman:** Christopher D. Stone (CS)
- ✓ **Clerk:** Gordon E. Snyder, Jr. (GS)
- ✓ **Director of Public Works:** Travis Thibault (TT)
- ✓ **DPW Administrative Assistant:** Tiffany Sidhom

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Subject	Discussion	Decision/Recommendation
Meeting Minutes	Review Meeting Minutes from the August 17, 2023 meeting.	Motion (CS) seconded (BB) to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2023.
	Review Meeting Minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting.	Motion (GS) seconded (CS) to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2023.
Article 2 on the Warrant for the 11/20/23 Special Town Meeting	<p>Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Cemetery Commission FY24 Department Budget, as voted at the June 5, 2023 Annual Town Meeting under Article 15, by transferring \$1,800 from FY24 Free Cash or any available funds; or act anyway thereon.</p> <p>(TT): this would cover the amount that had to be paid out to repair the three stones that were damaged at the Center Cemetery.</p>	Motion (CS) seconded (GS) to approve Article 2 as written, with the transfer coming from FY24 Free Cash. Unanimous, all in favor.

Article 6 on the Warrant for the 11/20/23 Special Town Meeting	<p>Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,613 from FY24 Free Cash or any available funds to purchase a replacement mower for the Department of Public Works; or act anyway thereon.</p> <p>(TT): this is 1/3 of the cost of the mower; Highway and Recreation will also be paying 1/3 each.</p>	<p>Motion (CS) seconded (BB) to approve the Article as written, with the funds being taken from FY24 Free Cash. If FY24 Free Cash is not an option, the Commission approves to move the money from Sale of Cemetery Lots 2216-3000-3590-0000 (current balance of \$102,375.11). Unanimous, all in favor.</p>
Old Business	<p>(TT): Hansson Lawn Maintenance will complete the last round of fertilization for the season next week. Fertilization will begin again in April 2024.</p> <p>All foundations for headstones have been poured for the season.</p> <p>Safety Insurance sent reimbursement in the amount of \$600 for the stone that was damaged in the car accident at the Center Cemetery, which has been deposited into Purchased Services (from which the invoice for repair was paid).</p>	
New Business	<p>(TT): New markers may be needed at Mooreland. Many are missing. In the future, it may be better to order markers that can be picked up by metal detectors.</p> <p>(TT): Perhaps small numbers could be stenciled on the roads.</p>	<p>(CS): Look into how many markers were ordered when the new section was starting to be paved. (TS) will see if she can find information.</p> <p>Commission is ok with stenciling small numbers on the road.</p>
Public Comments	None.	
Next Meeting		January 10, 2024 (may be subject to change)
Adjournment		Motion (BB) seconded (CS) to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiffany Sidhom', followed by a horizontal line.

Tiffany Sidhom, DPW Administrative Assistant