



## **Riverside Cemetery Committee**

### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Via Zoom**

In response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) the Governor signed [LD 2167, An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#), which is now PL 2019, c. 617.

Part G enacts Title 1, section 403-A, Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of state of emergency due to COVID-19. It authorizes conducting public proceedings through telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means of remote participation with specific conditions. The section is repealed 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency.

### **Welcome**

Chairman Smarc opened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

### **Roll Call**

Present

Sharon Smarc, Chairman

Wayne Brooking, Jr.

April Powell

Debra Lane, Town Clerk

### **Public Comments**

No members of the public attended.

**Approval of Minutes** – October 18, 2019

Moved by Sharon Smarc and Seconded by April Powell to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2019 as written.  
(3 yes) (0 no)

### **Request for Buy-Back**

John & Bonnie Riddle – Section DD Lot #99

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to approve the buy-back request of John & Bonnie Riddle, Section DD Lot #99 provided that Mr. & Mrs. Riddle pay for costs incurred. A headstone has already been placed on the lot so Mr. & Mrs. Riddle would be responsible to pay for the removal and placement of the headstone and preparation of the lot for resale, pay for the new lot at the current purchase price and pay for the new foundation and placement of the headstone on the new lot.  
(3 yes) (0 no)

*Following the meeting, Debra Lane confirmed with Public Works that the foundation for the headstone may remain and be used by a new owner. If there had been more than one adjacent lot to buyback the foundation would have been removed, as it would have been uncertain whether a headstone would have been placed on the lot or affixed between two or more lots.*

### **Request to Purchase Lots**

**Arsenault Family Sisters** (parents and sister buried at Riverside Cemetery)

- Anne-Marie Arsenault (1 full-size lot)
- Dianne Arsenault McConnell (1 full-size lot)
- Theresa L. Arsenault (1 full-size lot)

Moved by Wayne Brooking and Seconded by April Powell to approve the purchase of lots for the following Arsenault Family Sisters. The approval is based on past residency of 20 years and the parents and sister are already buried in Riverside Cemetery.

- Anne-Marie Arsenault (1 full-size lot)
- Dianne Arsenault McConnell (1 full-size lot)
- Theresa L. Arsenault (1 full-size lot)

(3 yes) (0 no)

### **Ronald & Marla Bonneau**

Former Cape Elizabeth residents 1981 – 1996 (15 years) seeking the purchase of a cremation lot.

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking to regretfully deny the request of Ronald and Marla Bonneau to purchase a cremation lot in Riverside Cemetery. The denial is the number of years as residents (15 years) having moved away in 1996 (24 years ago). No family resides in Cape Elizabeth nor are family members buried at Riverside. (3 yes) (0 no)

**Anne Louise Ginder**

Seeking the purchase of 2 full-size lots and 2 cremation lots for her grandparents and parents. Parents lived in Cape Elizabeth 1998 – 2018. Ms. Ginder lived in Cape Elizabeth from 2000 – 2010, currently renting in Cape Elizabeth preparing to move out of state.

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking to approve the request of Anne Louise Ginder to purchase a cremation lot for her parents David & Helen Ginder based on the recent 20-year Cape Elizabeth residency (1998 – 2018) and regretfully deny the request to purchase two lots for the grandparents who have never lived in Cape Elizabeth. (3 yes) (0 no)

**Michael Joyce**

Former Cape Elizabeth resident 1981 – 2004 (23 years) seeking the purchase of a cremation lot for him and his wife. Mother still lives in Cape Elizabeth.

Moved by Sharon Smarc and Seconded by April Powell to approve the request of Michael Joyce to purchase a cremation lot for him and his wife. The approval is based on past 23-year residency 1981 – 2004 and his mother still resides in Cape Elizabeth. (3 yes) (0 no)

**Shelli LaTorre**

Former Cape Elizabeth residents 1959 – 1979 (20 years) seeking the purchase of 2 full-size lots. Parents are buried in Riverside and brother owns two lots.

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Wayne Brooking to approve the request of Shelli LaTorre to purchase two full-size lots. The approval is based on past 20-year residency (1959 -1979), her parents are buried in Riverside having lived in Cape Elizabeth 1959 – 2000, and her brother owns two lots. (3 yes) (0 no)

**Anthony & Linda Palanza**

Former Cape Elizabeth residents – each side of the family, seeking the purchase of 2 full-size lots. Mr. & Mrs. Palanza moved away in the 1970's, taxpayers 1985 – 2018. Sister, nieces and nephews still live in Cape Elizabeth. Mother, father, and niece are buried in Riverside and brother and wife will be buried in the cemetery.

Moved by Wayne Brooking and Seconded by April Powell to approve the request of Anthony & Linda Palanza to purchase two full-size lots. The approval is based on past residency of Mr. & Mrs. Palanza and their families, family burials at Riverside and ownership of lots by additional family members.

(3 yes) (0 no)

**Peter Scott**

Seeking lots for Mr. Scott and his brother Stephen Scott to accommodate one full size burial and a cremation. The brother's graduation from Cape Elizabeth in the mid 1950's.

Moved by April Powell and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to regretfully deny the request of Peter Scott to purchase lots for him and his brother. The denial is the number of years as residents 1938 – 1961 having moved away in 1961 (59 years ago). No family resides in Cape Elizabeth nor are family members buried at Riverside.

(3 yes) (0 no)

**Next Meeting**

TBD

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk