

**CEMETERY COMMISSION  
TOWN OF HOLLAND  
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

Present: Brian Johnson  
Arthur Evans

Absent: Kyle Merolla

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from July 25, 2023 were presented. Motion made by Brian Johnson to accept and sign, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Evans. Voted 2-0.

Discussion/Review:

The Commission discussed a second cemetery located in Holland, Ma. Research thru Find A Grave identified the 2<sup>nd</sup> cemetery as Sholes Cemetery, ID# 2469548 located at the corner of Brandan Road and Old Mashapaug Road. Sholes family members are buried in the cemetery dating back to the 1700's. It is believed to be on private property.

The Commission noted locating companies who do grave restoration work is still ongoing.

The Commission noted that the Veteran's research project is still ongoing.

The Commission noted burials and plot sales dating back to 12/17/22.

The Commission discussed the Veteran's Monument including the need to update the Veteran's names. The Commissioner's suggested meeting with the Board of Selectman to decide whether or not the Cemetery Commission should take over the updates and care of the monument which has \$10,000.00 in (Veteran's Memorial Funds) for engraving and groundwork.

The Commission updated a letter of resignation.

The Commission discussed the need for a position to be created to offset the work load that is associated with the cemetery. The Commissioner's will meet with the Board of Selectman to further address this matter.

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Brian Johnson to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art Evans. Voted 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Diane Rhodes Gregoire, Clerk