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TOWN OF WAREHAM

Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:

April 21, 2016

Location:

54 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571

Time: 3:30 PM

(Room 27)

Attendance:

Commissioners: Brenda Eckstrom

Present

Nancy Miller

Remote participation

Deborah Jean Rose

Present

Liaison officer:

David Menard, Director

Present

Deborah J. Berchtold, Administrative Assistant

Present

The meeting opened at 3:35 p.m.

Motion: To accept previous Minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting—Motion made by Chairman Brenda Eckstrom and seconded by Nancy Miller. Poll vote: Chairman Eckstrom-yes, Commissioner Miller-yes, Commissioner Rose-yes Vote 3-0-0

Deeds:

Michael Morrison

Agawam Annex

Lot 241

graves 7&8

Kathleen Morrison Gorbach

Andrea Fessenden

Centre Annex

Lot 275

graves 1&2

Motion made by Brenda Eckstrom and seconded by Nancy Miller to approve deeds
Foll vote: Chairman Eckstrom-yes, Commissioner Miller-yes, Commissioner Rose-yes Vote 3-0-0

Transfer:

Helen E. & Lewis C. Ferretti to

Vyto & Judi Eitas

Agawam Annex

Lot 121

graves 7&8

Motion made by Brenda Eckstrom and seconded by Nancy Miller to approve transfer Poll vote: Chairman Eckstrom-yes, Commissioner Miller-yes, Commissioner Rose-yes Vote 3-0-0

Foundation pad approvals: None

Discussions:

At the recent selectmen's meeting it was brought up that attendance at meetings is important and that remote access is limited to three (3) meetings per year.

David Menard brought up the fact that weekend and holiday burials are not bringing in enough revenue to cover the cost of man power considering that Saturday burials the workers get paid time and a half and on Sunday's and holidays they are entitled to double time pay. Checking the rates of what other towns are currently charging was brought up as well as possibly ceasing burials on weekends and holidays altogether. Mr. Menard noted that his workers work schedule is Monday through Friday 7:00AM – 3:30PM and any weekend work is in fact overtime. A burial can take anywhere from two to four hours as sometimes families tend to mill about and the final burial services cannot take place until everyone is gone from the cemetery. Mr. Menard was asked if he could produce some figures at the next meeting as to what a Saturday/Sunday/Holiday burial would cost to have his workers be brought in on these specific days to conduct burials.

Tom Worthern sent an e-mail to Brenda regarding recommendations involving price increases, management software, cost estimates at Agawam, contacting Makepeace to expand Centre and other issues. Brenda did not contract him yet regarding these issues as she wanted to discuss with the board first. Copies of the e- mail were distributed.

Meeting adjourned: 4:35 pm

Next meeting: May 19, 2016 @ 3:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners