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Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018

Location: 8:00 A.M. – MMD, 95 Charge Pond Road Wareham, MA 02571

Roll Call:

Commissioners:	Kathleen Bird, Chairman	Present
	Jack M. Silva, Clerk	Present
	Deborah Jean Rose	Present

Liaison officer:	Alan Slavin	Absent
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Ex Officio:	David Menard, Director	Present
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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

The following minutes were read and approved:

April 19, 2018 approved 3-0-0 (with corrections)

License: Long, Centre Annex Lot 275 Graves 5 & 6 approved 3-0-0

License: Jackson, Centre Annex Lot 246 grave 2 approved 3-0-0

Foundation Pad: Towns, Centre Cemetery Lot 569 graves 1 & 2 approved 3-0-0

Foundation Pad: Jones, Centre Annex Lot 288 grave 4 approved 3-0-0

Headstone: Salerno, Agawam Annex Lot 7 & 8 logo of gondola, only, was approved 3-0-0

Stone to be installed as a Headstone: Johnson, Agawam Annex Lot 219, graves 3,4,5,6
approved 3-0-0

Accepted and voted, 3-0-0 to allow Patricia Maloney to be the lot representative for the Maloney Lot, Centre Annex, Lot 252 graves 1 thru 8.

Director's Report:

For the month of May there were eight burials: four (4) full burials and four (4) cremations. Mr. Menard stated he has cleared and stumped a portion of the new Agawam Cemetery Expansion. He also presented the plans for the Agawam Expansion to the Cemetery Commissioners and a vote was taken, 3-0-0 to accept the plans.

Old Business: Discussed the proper protocol for the Town of Wareham to buy back lots and graves and in turn resell them again. It was determined that this issue should be discussed with Tom Daly, Cemetery Helpful Solutions, and Rich Bowen, Town Counsel, as to what the next course of action should be.

Mrs. Bird presented the Cemetery Board a quote for the printing of the adopted Rules and Regulations, as well as a cost for a type of bookmark. It was brought up that a "bookmark" was not accepted and could be inserted into the booklet. Mr. Menard proposed making signs for the cemeteries, as that does not require a Town Meeting vote and the Municipal Maintenance Department would be able to make the cemetery signs. The signs would need to be legible with the basic information listing the proper etiquette that should occur in a cemetery. The basic etiquette for the language on the signs was tabled; until the Cemetery Commissioners can review the material presented and then will meet in a week to vote on the language.

A call was made to Tom Daly regarding the proposed cemetery rates, asking him if the prices would be 1.5% above cost or would it be at cost only. He stated that the prices shown are at cost only. When a grave or lot is sold the Commissioners would like to place more money in perpetual care account than the sale of lots and graves account. By doing this, the perpetual care account can build up its account and establish more interest which can be used for cemetery purchases without a Town Meeting vote, whereas when seeking monies from the sale of lots and graves account a Town Meeting vote is required. It was also suggested to set a policy to review the rates on a yearly basis. Mrs. Bird plans to appear before the Board of Selectmen to present the proposed increase and changes in the cemetery rates. Vote: 3-0-0 to accept.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Next meeting will be held on June 21, 2018, at the Municipal Maintenance Department.

Jack M. Silva *7/19/2018*