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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, June 21, 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 8:05 A.M.

The following minutes were read and approved:

May 17, 2018

3-0-0 (with corrections)

Director's Report:

For the month of June there were five internments: three (3) full burials and two (2) cremations. Mr. Menard stated there was a vast amount of landscaping conducted for two holidays: Memorial Day and Father's Day, in order to make the cemeteries look pristine. He received the grasses and lowering purchased from Frigid Fluid and Agawam Annex has been marked out and Mr. Menard plans to begin clearing the land in the early fall. Mrs. Bird requested permission from Mr. Menard to take a section at a time to assist with cleaning up the cemeteries. She wanted to know if the Cemetery Commissioners could seek volunteers, perhaps through Community Service. Mr. Menard also stated that he purchased a 375 gallon water tank which will be used to fill the rain barrels at the cemeteries. The water tank will make it easier and faster for Municipal Maintenance to constantly have the water barrels full for use at the cemeteries.

There is still no advice or direction for the re-selling of lots and graves. At this time, Mr. Daly is in attendance at a Convention and Mr. Bowen is out sick. The Cemetery Commissioners requested to pull the file for McWilliams and Tocci, as it is believed that this license was transferred to another person.

The Board of Selectmen never placed Mrs. Bird on their June 19, 2018 agenda, in which she wanted to explain to the Selectmen the raising of the cemetery rates. Mrs. Bird was also waiting to receive documentation from Mr. Daly giving an explanation for the increase in the cemetery rates. Although these rates should be raised, it still would not be enough money to cover the cost of maintaining the cemeteries. At this time, Mrs. Bird would like to request permission to raise the

rates annually with a one percent or two percent increase, therefore, eliminating the process of having to make a presentation and seek approval from the Board of Selectmen every year. Instead the Cemetery Commissioners could wait five years to appear and make another presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding the contract for Tom Daly of Cemetery Helpful Solutions. The Cemetery Commissioners would like to have a rate sheet from him listing the cost for meeting attendance and retain his services for telephone and conference calls, as he is a wealth of cemetery knowledge. Mr. Daly would need to present a proposal to the Cemetery Commissioners, which they would approve and Mr. Menard would then proceed.

A vote of 3-0 was taken to publish the new and revised Rules and Regulations. Deborah Jean Rose, Cemetery Commissioner, has generously made a gift to pay for the new Regulations printed.

Small items of discussion were:

The new license which will be used needs to have the Town's seal place on it.

Mary Healy's cemetery work order needs to include the lot number on the form.

Mrs. Bird has the opinion that imputing information pertaining to an internment conducted by the Town of Wareham is not relevant. If someone is seeking knowledge about a Veteran, they can find it on the Veteran's web page.

Mr. Menard informed the Cemetery Commissioners that they can move forward with the Board of Health approving the purchase of the Agawam Expansion as there are no longer turtles there.

The signs for the cemeteries will be black on white. Three signs (3) would be required to be back to back. Mr. Menard will make a sample sign to present to the Cemetery Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am

Next meeting will be held on July 19, 2018, at the Municipal Maintenance Department.

Joel M. Silva
July 16, 2018