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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017

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

Roll Call:

Commissioners:	Kathleen Bird, Chairman	Present
	Jack M. Silva, Clerk <i>Jack M. Silva</i>	Present
	Deborah Jean Rose	Present
Liaison officer:	David Menard, Director	Present
	Deborah J. Berchtold, Administrative Assistant	Present
Guest:	Ken Buckland, Town Planner	

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

Minutes:

July 20, 2017 approved but needed minor corrections and was voted 3-0-0.

New Business:

Ken Buckland, Town Planner requested to appear before the Wareham Cemetery Commissioners to discuss the revision of Wareham's Master Plan. He was looking for input from the Commissioners pertaining to the Wareham Master Plan that he is currently working on and the future vision the Commissioners might have for the Town cemeteries.

Ways to expand the cemeteries were discussed including lots that remain empty, as well as, road efficiency for lot use. Mr. Buckland stated that there would be a Master Plan Workshop on September 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium which would be beneficial and educational to the Cemetery Commissioners when creating/revising their ideas for ten (10) year master plan.

The Cemetery Commissioner's Report for FY'17 was presented to the Board for their review and will then be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for insertion into the Town Report.

The Cemetery Commissioners voted 3-0-0 to present at the Fall Town Meeting, a new article which would transfer the balances from Article 18 approved at the Spring Special Town Meeting held in 2014, as well as, Article 14, Spring Town Meeting, 2014, which would be combined into

one article to be used for the cemetery expansion.

The sale of lots and graves shall be sold back to the Town at the original price paid. A discussion with Tom Daley, Cemetery Consultant, shall determine the proper fees.

Licenses: None presented

Foundation Pads:

Heleen	Centre Annex	Lot 233	Graves 3 & 4	Approved 3-0-0
Jorjakis	Centre Annex	Lot 274	Grave 4	Approved 3-0-0
Swanson	Agawam	Lot 306	Grave 2	Approved 3-0-0
Monello	Agawam Annex	Lot 220	Graves 7 and 8	Denied 3-0-0, due to the fact, that there is already a headstone on these graves and a memorial plaque is not necessary.

Director's Report:

Mr. Menard informed the Cemetery Commissioners that has requested a new Administration Building for Municipal Maintenance, through Capital Planning, which would include an office to be used specifically as a private and confidential area to conduct cemetery business. He would also like to make sure that the sizes of monuments are specified in the rules and regulations. A definition of residency was discussed and decided that a Wareham resident is someone who has been "vested" with the Town for at least ten (10) years.

A cemetery workshop will be held on Tuesday, the 29th of August, 2017 to review the 2017 draft of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Next meeting to be Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 8:00 A.M