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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Location: 8:00 A.M. – MMD, 95 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA 02571

Roll Call:

Commissioners:	Jack M. Silva, Chairman	Present
	Kathleen Bird, Clerk	Present
	Susan Akins	Present
Liaison officer:	Alan Slavin	Absent
Ex Officio:	David Menard, Director	Present

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. Please note that the meetings for the months of September 19, 2019 and October 17, 2019 were not conducted due to a lack of quorum and/or personal obligations with the Commissioners. The meeting on the 23rd of October replaced the 17th of October meeting, which would have been the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The minutes of August 22, 2019 were read and approved: 3-0-0

There was one license reviewed and approved 3-0-0.

Agawam Cemetery, Lot 355 graves 5, 6, 7 and 8. The Commissioners discussed creating a policy which would limit the purchase of graves to two. Should a buyer choose to acquire more than that, they would have to present themselves to the Cemetery Commissioners and explain their purpose and/or intent for buying more than two graves.

Director's Report:

The Director of Municipal Maintenance stated that there were seven (7) interments since August 23, 2019, four of which were full burials and three were cremations. He also informed the Cemetery Commissioners that he, as their representative, approved three flat stones for: Bump, Miller and Santoro.

Mr. Menard also informed the Cemetery Commissioners that Municipal Maintenance continues to clean Agawam Cemetery when time allows and he has discovered an additional ninety-eight (98) graves that are now available for sale in the Agawam Cemetery.

Old Business:

A discussion continued regarding the marker requested for Erica Leigh Weiss which was presented at last month's meeting seeking approval. Barnicoat Monuments of Middleboro, has tried to contact Katherine Weiss with regards to the schematic presented before the Cemetery Commissioners, without success. The Commissioners are looking for the size of the ceramic photo of Erica, as well as, questioning the letters "RIP" next to "a Shining Star". The Cemetery Commissioners took a vote last month to see if it was possible to have "RIP" spelled out as "Rest in Peace, as their preference, to be placed under the wording "A Shining Star, but would allow the abbreviation to remain if shortening the letters was due to a financial burden. At that time, it was tentatively voted 3-0-0 to allow the marker, once the answers to their questions were received.

To date, there has been no response from Ms. Weiss with regards to the flat marker for Erica Weiss and the Cemetery Commissioners have determined to, once again, table this request. It was decided by the Commissioners, however, to write a letter to Ms. Weiss, stating that unless a response to the Cemetery Commissioners questions were answered within a timely manner, no further action would be taken with regards to her request and it would be removed from the monthly agenda.

New Business:

The Cemetery Commissioners requested to contact Tom Daly, Cemetery Helpful Solutions, to seek professional consultation to several questions they have pertaining to the Town cemeteries. They would like to know the legal procedures and policies required to obtain ownership of pervious sold lots and graves that are seventy-five years or older. What would be the best way to research these graves? They would also like to know exactly what policies the Town should have with regards to the cemeteries.

Brian Kashner presented a request to disinter his brother, Michael Kashner, from Centre Annex, Lot 174, grave 8 and inter him into a grave in Agawam cemetery, Lot 239. The Commissioners voted 3-0-0 to allow this transition to occur pending all payments have been paid to the Town and all proper permits and paperwork are submitted as well.

The Commissioners requested information pertaining to the finances of the cemeteries. A cemetery schedule was submitted, but the financial sheets imputed thru Vadar were the sheets Mrs. Bird was seeking. Those sheets will be presented to the Commissioners at the next cemetery meeting for their review.

A license for Bruce Denson, #2018-9, graves 5 and 6, Lot 260, in Agawam was revised due to the new numbering system for Agawam. The license was changed to graves 3 and 4, Lot 260, with a vote 3-0-0 to accept this license.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, 8:00 am at the MMD office.

Katherine L. Bird Clerk

*C. M. Healy 12/16/19
B. Denson 12/16/19
Sealed & emailed 1/10/20*