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Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 29, 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
Liaison officer:	Alan Slavin	Absent
Ex Officio:	David Menard, Director	Present

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

The minutes of October 18, 2018 were read and approved: 2-0-0

License: None

Foundations:

Centre Annex, Lot 278, graves 1 and 2 was tentatively approved 2-0-0 upon determination of the lot owner vs. the headstone purchaser.

Director's Report:

There was one full burial since the last meeting and at this time, fall cleanup is underway in all of the Town cemeteries.

New Business:

A request was made by Nancy Harte to be appointed lot representative to lot 633 located in the Centre cemetery which was originally purchased by Frederic Freeman and later transferred to Edmond F. Freeman. The request made by Ms. Harte, an heir of the Freeman lot, was discussed by the Cemetery Commissioners and the Director at length regarding family lineage. She is required to send the Commissioners a family tree listing the lineage of Edmond Freeman, his three sons, and their children. All first cousins must submit a notarized letter stating they authorize Nancy Harte to become the lot representative, as well as, relinquishing their right of burial in that lot should they choose too

Also discussed was the availability of graves available in lot 633, Centre cemetery. The Cemetery Commissioners concurred that only grave #6, could be used as a full burial. All other graves could harbor additional cremations and the remains of Stephen Edmund Freeman in grave #8 could not be disinterred to due to the location of the cremation.

Various subject matters were discussed in order to create and/or update current cemetery policies. A policy shall be written pertaining to the payment and paperwork required prior to a scheduled burial of which Mrs. Kathy Bird has offered to write. Other subject matter consisted of items extending beyond the headstone and that as many additional cremations, excluding the standard two in a grave, can be allowed in a grave with additional fees to be paid.

Mrs. Bird requested the cemetery financial thru the Town Accountant, Judy Lauzon, but was informed the documents could be printed by the Municipal Maintenance Department and should be available at the next cemetery meeting.

The signage for the cemeteries was discussed and it was determined that a sample sign would be made, black on white, to bring before the Cemetery Commissioners at their next meeting for their approval. The sign would be located at the entrance to each cemetery and would list the cemetery etiquette required in the cemeteries. Voted 2-0-0

The Cemetery Commissioners discussed seeking a proposal from Tom Daly, Cemetery Helpful Solutions which would consist of his availability for conducting telephone conversations, questions and meetings should they arise. Mr. Daly would offer recommendations, ideas and consultations which may be pertinent to the cemeteries. Mr. Menard will contact Mr. Daly to request a proposal for his services.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at the Municipal Maintenance Department, at 8:00 a.m.

Jack Ch. Silvan
12/19/2018