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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Location: 2:15 P.M. – MMD, 95 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA 02571

Roll Call:
Commissioners:

Kathleen Bird, Chairman	Present
Susan Akins, Clerk	Present
Jack Silva, Member	Present

Liaison officer: Judith Whiteside Absent

Ex Officio: David Menard, Director Present

Guest: Joseph Barnicoat- Barnicoat Memorial Present

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 P.M.

The minutes of November 29, 2023 were read and approved 3-0-0.

There were no licenses presented at this meeting.

There were four flat markers which were reviewed and approved 3-0-0.

Jack E. Stinson	Agawam	Lot: 317	Grave: 5
Alice Fay (Karl) Reed	Agawam	Lot: 226	Grave: 3
Joan B. Curtis	Agawam Annex	Lot: 27	Grave: 5
Peter Burgess Huxtable	Agawam Annex	Lot: 65	Grave: 1

Director's Report:

Mr. David Menard stated that there were four (4) burials between the months of November 29, 2023 and January 24, 2024. Of those four (4) burials, two (2) were full burials and two (2) were

cremations.

Mr. Menard noted the ancient portion of the Agawam cemetery has some tree issues and monument damage. There are plans to reach out to John Vozzella for the monument repairs. Tree work will begin in the spring time when the weather breaks. Otherwise the new section is coming along quite nicely and looking forward to placing the posts.

Old Business:

Lots not used after 75 years research will take place in the library where a majority of the records can be utilized.

To create a procedure for unclaimed remains the Commissioners will start with the state and see what regulations need to be followed. The Commissioners will also contact larger cities to seek information on their process of handling unclaimed remains. All inquiries will be in accordance with State Regulations.

New Business:

Joe Barnicoat of Barnicoat memorials was present at today's meeting to discuss the Yves Roux monument in Centre Annex. He presented some information regarding his interpretation of an approval that will need to be investigated and reviewed.

The rules and regulations handbook is being reviewed by the commissioners and at the next meeting additions, deletions and changes will be discussed. Hopefully all changes will be ready by the fall town meeting.

Capacity rights discussed and confirmed anything over two cremations or one full and one cremation would result in an over capacity fee.

The stonewalls at Agawam were discussed during the directors report and there are plans to repair them.

A plant protection agent asked to place insect traps in the cemeteries to conduct exotic pest detection surveys but the cemetery commissioners declined to participate in these surveys due to liability concerns.

Mrs. Bird reviewed the process for presenting the additional charge of \$750 cremains disinterment fee which is an addition to the rate sheet for a Selectboard approval. This will be presented to the Selectboard by Ms. Akins and Mr. Silva at a hybrid meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is set for April 17, 2024 at 2:15 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen L. Bird". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text of the meeting minutes.