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TOWN OF WAREHAM

Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF WORKSHOP

Date:

Tuesday, January 18, 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

Absent

Liaison officer:

David Menard, Director

Present

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 A.M.

The following minutes were read and approved

August 17, 2017 (with corrections)	2-0-0
August 29, 2017	2-0-0
September 11, 2017	2-0-0
September 21, 2017	2-0-0
October 19, 2017	2-0-0
November 16, 2017	2-0-0
December 21, 2017 (with corrections)	2-0-0

Director's Report:

For the month of December there were five (5) full burials and two (2) cremations.

Mr. Menard wanted the Cemetery Commissioners to be aware of the fact that there are fox holes located in Centre Cemetery. One is located near the Earth Tomb and the other one is located approximately 100 yards away in the ancient section of Centre Cemetery.

Mr. Menard was also seeking permission to begin the process of surveying Centre Cemetery. This would establish the boundaries of the cemetery, as well as, a layout of the lots. It was suggested to hire Mr. David Crispin to layout the lots and also do a section of the cemetery at a time.

Mrs. Bird would like to have a cemetery building located at the Municipal Maintenance Facility. She stated that there should be some type of "office" located on the premises that would allow

confidentiality when dealing with cemetery issues. (Mr. Menard agrees and has already requested monies from Capital Planning for some sort of cemetery building). It was discussed that perhaps both buildings located in the Agawam Cemetery and Centre Cemetery be demolished and reuse the area for burial purposes. Mr. Menard will check on prices between JC Engineering and GAF.

Kathy Bird would also like to know how many graves are left in Centre Cemetery and the small area remaining in Agawam Cemetery. The Commissioners would like to know how much money it would cost to begin a design and survey plan for Centre Cemetery. Mr. Menard stated he would seek pricing for the next meeting.

New Business:

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Mrs. Judith Whiteside, liaison for the Cemetery Commissioners, resigned as a Selectman for the Town of Wareham. At this time, there currently is now no liaison. Mrs. Bird is going to find out if Mr. Patrick Tropeano would be willing to fill the position.

The definition of a resident vs. lot owner was discussed once again. What determines a town resident? It was decided to ask Tom Daly for suggestions for a definition of the word; residence. Commissioners were informed that according to the Wareham Town Clerk a person has residential status, if they have lived in the Town for six months and one day.

Also discussed was a section of the Rules and Regulations (6.0) with regards to the interpretation of Admission to the cemeteries. This section needs to be addressed before being presented at Town Meeting. Call Tom Daly and ask for direction and have a workshop to review the material.

On January 25, 2018, a workshop to review the revised Rules and Regulations and prepare for the Spring Town Meeting will be held. The workshop shall begin at 8:00 am at the office of the Municipal Maintenance Department.

Date for the public hearing will be chosen at a later date.

The new internment work order form has been updated using a combination of Wareham's internment application and Tom Daly's of Cemetery Helpful Solutions. Voted 2-0-0 to approve.

Any License corrections will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Internment Authorization form was approved 2-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 am

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