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## TOWN OF WAREHAM

### Cemetery Commissioners

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### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020

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

#### Roll Call:

Commissioners:	Jack M. Silva, Chairman	Absent
	Kathleen Bird, Clerk	Present
	Susan Akins	Present

Liaison officer:	Alan Slavin	Absent
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Ex Officio:	David Menard, Director	Present
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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am, roll call was taken with Jack Silva, Chairman, being absent.

The minutes of December 19, 2019 were read and approved 2-0-0, with corrections.

There were no licenses or headstones this month to review and approve.

#### Director's Report:

Mr. Menard stated that there was only one (1) full burial this month, which was in Long Neck Cemetery. While preparing for this burial, Municipal Maintenance conducted the spring cleanup removing all of the leaves, brush and debris in the Cemetery. The department was very productive this month, as the old cemetery building, located in Centre Cemetery was demolished and any remaining riprap was recycled. The Director informed the Commissioners that new lots in this area could now be marked and perhaps create a cremation area. This new project will have to begin when the ground thaws in early spring

#### Old Business:

The Cemetery Commissioners would like to send certified letters to both Carl Phillips and Thomas Young, informing them that they need to remove the bushes planted on their lots that are located in the Centre Cemetery. These lot owners wanted to remove the bushes personally and were informed that this needs to be done prior to May 1, 2020.

A new cemetery schedule of finances was presented to the Cemetery Commissioners to review. They were told that an additional change needs to be made to the sheet, which would combine the perpetual care interest, combined earnings and loss and gains into one column. At this meeting, there were three separate columns. A final schedule of payments will be presented at the next meeting.

New Business:

The Cemetery Commissions reviewed the invoice submitted by Zero Waste for accepting the refuse material from the cemetery building, located in Centre Cemetery. It was voted 2-0-0 to submit payment for this invoice in the amount of \$1,411.02 from Article 20, STM 4/19, Unclaimed Site Care.

A letter was presented to the Cemetery Commissioners from Sarah De Forge requesting that she be named lot representative of lot 148, graves 1 thru 8, located in the Agawam cemetery, Annex section. The Commissioners reviewed the submitted documents included in her request and determined that she could become the lot representative as her mother, the original lot owner and her brother, who had no heirs, are both deceased. The vote, 2-0-0, allowed Ms. De Forge to become lot representative, but some changes needed to be made in the response letter.

A discussion began pertaining to the Rules and Regulation and the policies the Cemetery Commissioners would like to create. The subject of receiving markers online and its liability to the Town began but the Cemetery Commissioners decided to try and create this policy beforehand and present the policy to the Cemetery Commissioners at the next meeting. They also decided to take one section of the Rules and Regulations at a time to discuss and create any new policies if necessary.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, 2020. at the MMD office.

*Kathleen L. Bird 2/20/20*