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## TOWN OF WAREHAM

### Cemetery Commissioners

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### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 15, 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	Present

Liaison officer: Alan Slavin

Ex Officio: David Menard, Director Present

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

The following minutes were read and approved:

January 18, 2018 (with corrections)	2-0-1
January 25, 2018	2-0-1

License: Pina, Centre Annex Lot 286 Graves 1 & 2 approved 3-0-0

#### Foundation Pads:

Strawn, Centre Annex Lot 282. To be centered in the middle of 8 graves. approved 3-0-0

Lawson, Centre Annex Lot 272. To be centered over graves 7 & 8. approved 3-0-0

Salerno, Agawam Annex Lot 215 graves 7 & 8 request was denied 3-0-0 (with other options). These graves, owned by Ashleigh Salerno, are located in the single section of the cemetery. Nothing larger than a slant marker can be placed on grave #7, or she could have the option of having a foot marker placed there. She originally requested verbally to have the foot marker for Judith DeGregorio, on grave #8 be removed by Municipal Maintenance Department. Ms. Salerno will need to be informed that a written request is required in order for the department to remove the foot marker.

#### Director's Report:

For the month of January there were two (2) full burials and one (1) cremation.

Items placed on the graves without permission was quickly brought up, but dismissed. Mr. Menard stated he would like to have the rules and regulations approved first before any other actions are

taken in the cemeteries.

Mr. Menard asked the Cemetery Commissioners to authorize between five (5) thousand and six (6) thousand for the payment of Cemetery invoices under Article 29, FTM 10.17 Engineer/Expansion. 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 is located approximately 100 yards away in the ancient section of Centre Cemetery.

Mr. Menard also sought the permission of the Cemetery Commissioners to begin the process of surveying Centre Cemetery by a local engineering firm. This would establish the boundaries of the cemetery, as well as, prepare a preliminary layout of the lots. It was then suggested to hire Mr. David Crispin to finalize the layout of the lots and also do a section of each cemetery at a time (Agawam and Centre), which would be more cost effective. Vote: 3-0-0

A public hearing to discuss the revised Rules and Regulations will be held on March 7, 2018. The notice shall be placed in Wareham Week for the week of February 1, 2018 and March 1, 2018. This public hearing shall be held at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Town Hall Auditorium.

David Menard is willing to speak at Town meeting and Alan Slavin is the new liaison for the Cemetery Commissioners.

An article for The Rules and Regulations will be placed in the Special Town meeting, within the Annual Spring Town Meeting to be held on April 23, 2018. Note that this article has been revised based on the public's opinion and will be resubmitted for a vote by the Town residents.

March 15, 2018 is the last day to submit any articles for the Spring Town Meeting and the Commissioners are responsible to prepare and print the R&R's which will be used as an appendix. It was suggested to prepare 20 copies of the R&R's for the Town Clerk's office and perhaps approximately 200 copies for the Town residents to review at the Town Meeting. Mr. Menard stated that 200 copies should not be prepared and printed before the meeting. He believes that if the residents are concerned about the Rules and Regulations, then they can print them from the Town's website. The Rules and Regulations are created for the protection of the Town. It's not about water or grass cutting.

Need to ask Tom Daly for the definition of "resident".

Ms. Rose requested information on the Parkkinen lot for the next meeting.

Would like to ask Alan Slavin what the policy is for conducting remote participation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 am

Next meeting to be held will be on Thursday, March 15, 2018, 8:00 am, at the Municipal Maintenance Department.

*Jack D. Slavin*  
*Deborah Jean Rose*  
*Kathleen Bird*