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Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

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 January 19, 2019 were read and approved: 2-0-0

Licenses reviewed and voted 2-0-0 were:

Centre Annex, Lot 287 grave #2
Centre Annex, Lot 287 grave#3
Agawam Lot 249 grave #2
Agawam Lot 349 grave #1

Director's Report:

The Director of Municipal Maintenance stated that this month the cemeteries have been very "quiet".

Old Business:

Centre Cemetery Lot 633: Assignment of Lot Representative

A request was presented to the Cemetery Commissioners on November 29, 2018 by Nancy Harte to be appointed the 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. It was determined she would be required to send the Commissioners a family tree listing the lineage of Edmond Freeman, his three sons, and their children. All first cousins would need to 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 at this meeting was the availability of graves which would be available for use 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.

At the meeting held on February 21, 2019, the paperwork required, including the family lineage and the notarized copies of all family relatives relinquishing their right of burial in that lot was presented before the Cemetery Commissioners for their approval. The right to have Nancy Harte, 152 Old Turnpike Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865 was reviewed and accepted. Vote: 2-0-0. However, her request to have her two daughters become joint lot representatives upon her death was denied. She will be informed that there can only be one lot representative preceding her death and all proper paperwork, which would be the same process that Nancy Harte used to have her request approved, would be required to be submitted to the Commissioners for their approval. A letter shall be sent to Nancy Harte notifying her of the Commissioners decision and also informing her all information and changes shall be recorded and kept on file.

The Cemetery rate sheet was brought to the attention of the Cemetery Commissioners. It was decided that the rate sheet should be revised and presented to the Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting for approval.

The article to be submitted by the Cemetery Commissioners in the Annual Town Meeting was reviewed and briefly discussed. They are requesting a total of \$6,500.00 dollars from the sale of lots and graves account, \$4,500.00 to hire a Cemetery consultant and \$2,000.00 for cemetery maintenance including, but not limited to, maintenance, supplies, as well as, cleaning and repairing headstones.

A copy of the current happenings that are occurring at the Church of the Good Shepard was presented to the Board with regards to the church's memorial garden. This could be a feasible idea for the Town and will be discussed at a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on, Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the MMD at 8:00 a.m.

Jack M. Silver
3/21/2019