



Kathleen Bird  
Jack Silva  
Deborah Jean Rose

## TOWN OF WAREHAM

### Cemetery Commissioners

95 Charge Pond Road  
Wareham, Massachusetts 02571  
(508) 295-5300 Fax: (508) 295-6391

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 29, 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	Absent
	Deborah Jean Rose	Present

Liaison officer: Alan Slavin

Ex Officio: David Menard, Director Present

---

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

The following minutes were read and approved:

February 15, 2018

approved with corrections 2-0-0

The meeting scheduled for March 15, 2018 was cancelled due to a snow storm.

License: Jones, Centre Annex Lot 288 Grave 4

approved 2-0-0.

#### Director's Report:

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

Mr. Menard requested permission to purchase cemetery grasses and strapping, which would be paid out of Article 29, FTM 10.17 Engineer/Expansion. These items are an important part of the burial process Vote: 2-0-0. He also stated that many trees fell and have been cleared due to the excessive storms, during the month of March, which occurred within the town. There were no monuments damaged in the cemeteries and he also stated that he wants to prepare the cemeteries earlier this year for Mother's Day.

Once again, subjects of discussion regarding the public hearing which was held on March 7, 2018, included usage of water in the cemeteries and the stipulation of a license owner wanting to burial a relative that may live out of town.

The Cemetery Commissioners are requesting the revised Rules and Regulations, which is Article 11, ATM, 2018 be adopted at the Annual Town Meeting which will be held on April 23, 2018. Mrs. Bird appeared before the finance committee requesting the revised rules and regulations be inserted into the warrant. Vote was: 7-0-0. The Selectmen also voted to allow Article 11 to be

inserted and the entire R&R will be printed in the warrant for the Town's people to review and vote on.

The certificate of liability, in its form, was approved 2-0-0. All vendors must submit a yearly certificate which will be held on file in the Municipal Maintenance Department. A suggestion was made to create an excel spreadsheet showing when the certificate will expire as it might be easier to track. Vote: 2-0-0.

GAF submitted two invoices for payment, one in the amount of \$1,731.50 and the other one, also submitted by GAF in the amount of \$566.00. Vote: 2-0-0 to pay the invoices.

The Cemetery Commissioners would like to offer an invitation to the Veterans Counsel to appear at the next meeting, which will be April 19, 2018 to discuss flag etiquette. Questions regarding the length of time flags can be kept on veteran's graves and who will be placing the flags on them. Would a MOU be required, if an accident occurred?

The presentation of the Question and Answers created by Mrs. Bird was discussed. Tom Daley stated that on the second page the actual definition of perpetual care should be changed and inserted. Mr. Slavin stated that the Q&A information can be printed for free in the Wareham Courier because it could be placed in the newspaper as an editorial.

Cemetery rate sheet needs to be corrected and changed to only "Cemetery Commissioners" instead of a list of prior Selectmen.

The subject of Ms. Laura McCann's two graves was discussed once again. She submitted a notarized letter stating that she is willing to sell two graves, #3 and #4, in Lot 302 in Agawam Cemetery at the original cost paid for the graves. It was determined that the sale of lots and graves will be addressed, as soon as, the rules and regulations are approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am

Next meeting will be held on April 19, 2018, at the Municipal Maintenance Department.

*Kathleen Bird 4/24/18*