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## TOWN OF WAREHAM

## **Cemetery Commissioners**

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## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:

Thursday, April 19, 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

Guest:

Bob White, Veteran's Council

Present

Liaison officer:

Alan Slavin

Absent

Ex Officio:

David Menard, Director

Present

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

The following minutes were read and approved:

March 29, 2018

approved 2-0-1

License: Jensen, Centre Annex Lot 287 Grave 4

approved 3-0-0 (with one correction)

Foundation Pad: Salerno, Agawam Annex Lot 7 & 8

approved 3-0-0 (without logo)

Director's Report:

For the month of March there were two (2) full burials and two (2) cremations.

Mr. Menard has cleared the trees and debris caused by the storms in March, this month. He has also received quotes for the cemetery grasses and strapping, with the lowest price being \$700.00.

Bob White, of the Veran's Council was invited to this Cemetery Commissioners meeting to discuss the etiquette of the flags in the Town cemeteries. He feels that the flags placed in the cemeteries should be placed two days before Memorial Day and have all flags removed two days after Veteran's Day. All flags should be placed on the left side of the headstone for consistency and suggested the Commissioners refer to the flag etiquette rules for more information. The veteran's will provide the flags and markers to be placed in the cemeteries. A question arose regarding the identification in the cemeteries of war veterans. Many of the veterans can be identified because there is already a marker there, but what about veterans that aren't marked? There was a suggestion that there be some sort of data entry to identify veterans and their graves. Mr. Menard will discuss the subject with Matthew Underhill, Wareham's IT Director to see if

some sort of system could be created to identify the location of the cemetery, lots and graves in order to have flags placed on the graves of new deceased veterans. A donation of photo cells has been given in order to place lighting in the cemeteries, as every flag on a flag pole should have a light shining on it.

Spring Town Meeting review: Mr. Derek Sullivan will be the spokesman and read a small statement, written by Tom Daly, of Cemetery Helpful Solutions, for Article 11, the adoption of the new revised Rules and Regulations. Mr. Daly will be sitting with Mr. Menard in the non-voter section of the auditorium and will be available for any type of clarification of the revised R&R's.

Suggestion was brought up to place a sign of "cemetery etiquette" stating: no littering, no walking on graves, no loud music and placing some type of information on the Town's website.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am

Next meeting will be held on May 17, 2018, at the Municipal Maintenance Department.