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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017

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

Attendance:

Commissioners:	Deborah Jean Rose, Chairman	Present
	Kathleen Bird	Present
	Jack M. Silva	Present

Liaison officer:

	David Menard, Director	Present
	Deborah J. Berchtold, Administrative Assistant	Present

Citizen: Karen Camandona

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 A.M.

Citizen's Participation: K. Camandona was seeking information on the status of the Agawam Annex Expansion. Commissioners stated that the Expansion is not a priority at this time. The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species needs to research the land because of endangered plants and animals. She also asked about the status of the rules and regulations. Ms. Camandona was informed that the rules and regs will pertain to and effect all of the cemeteries. Some of the questions, pertaining to the Expansion, were too early into the project to answer.

Minutes: April 20, 2017 approved 3-0-0

Minutes: May 4, 2017 approved 3-0-0

License:	Dudley	Centre Annex	Lot 288 grave 1	approved 3-0-0
	Washington	Centre Annex	Lot 284 graves 3 & 4	approved 3-0-0

Foundation Pads:	Robbins	Centre Annex	Lot 268 graves 1 & 2	approved 3-0-0
	Pina	Centre Annex	Lot 268 graves 5 & 6	approved 3-0-0

Policy: All standard foundation pads will be approved and signed by the rightful lot owner/lot representative at the Municipal Maintenance Department, as day to day operations. "Out of standard" (larger than 3x1 or benches, ect.) must go before the Cemetery Commissioners for installation approval.

Taber/Strawn Transfer: Tabled 3-0-0. Requesting ownership of Centre cemetery, Lot 729 graves 6, 7, 8, and 9. It may be possible to have a license for graves 8 and 9 (graves 6 and 7 are filled). Any new transfer needs to have an ending point in the lineage line. Mr. Menard would like to visually inspect this lot before a transfer is given, as he does not like the numbering in the lot.

Baxter/Maxim Transfer: Will approve with stipulations. 3-0-0. Need to contact Mr. Maxim and inform that there are only two graves available, not 3 as originally thought. The lot numbering is wrong, as the

infant buried should be #4 not #5. The graves that are available for transfer are graves 3 and 5.

Bodfish/Mawn Transfer: The information printed off of the internet and presented to the Cemetery Commissioners on the Bodfish lineage is not considered legal documentation. There needs to be more information regarding the lineage and heirs of David Bodfish before any transfer can occur. It is also possible that the lots and graves will revert back to the Town if they are still unused after 75 years.

Markers: Jensen/Ames Agawam Cemetery Lot 306 signed 3-0-0

Dansereau four (4) flat markers were approved 3-0-0, however, corner markers were not due to maintenance issues.

Foundation Pads: Miranda bench was approved with the stipulation that grave #3 only be allowed to have a flat marker on it, due to the size of the bench. This size is usually used on a two grave lot, not one. Vote 2-0-1 (J. Silva abstained from vote)

Giffith marker-signed vote 2-1-0. Believe there is a copyright infringement to have Mickey Mouse on the marker.

Lacasse foundation pad signed. Longneck Cemetery Lot 78 approved 3-0-0.

Anthi Frangiadis donation of a tree was sent to the Selectmen for approval with the recommendation that the Cemetery Commissioners accept the tree as long as it conforms to the trees already planted there.

Dorene Bumpus Settipane's request to transfer ownership of said Lot 28 at the Centre Annex to her daughter is not required. She has listed her daughter and granddaughter to have the rights to the lot but it will be transferred to them because it's already in the family (as per law)

Re-organization of Cemetery Commissioners:

Kathleen Bird, Chairman. 2-0-0

Jack M. Silva, Clerk 2-0-0

Deborah Jean Rose, Member

Request to have a "Director's Report" placed onto the monthly agenda to report any ongoing day to day operations of the Town's cemeteries.

Commissioners are waiting on more information to be received via postal mail pertaining to green burials.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Next meeting to be Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 8:00 A.M

Jack M. Silva