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## TOWN OF WAREHAM

### Cemetery Commissioners

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### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019

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

Roll Call:

Commissioners:	Jack M. Silva, Chairman	Present
	Kathleen Bird, Clerk	Present
	Susan Akins	Present
Liaison officer:	Alan Slavin	Absent
Ex Officio:	David Menard, Director	Present

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

The minutes of May 16, 2019 were read and approved: 2-0-1

There was one license which was reviewed and voted 3-0-0.  
Centre Annex Lot 284 graves 1 & 2

#### Director's Report:

The Director of Municipal Maintenance stated that there were three interments since the last meeting, two were full burials and one was a cremation. He also informed the Cemetery Commissioners that he, as their representative, approved two monuments which were placed in either the Centre or Agawam cemeteries.

Mr. Menard also informed the Cemetery Commissioners that since continuing with the cleanup and clearing many bushes in the cemeteries, he has noticed many headstones that are broken and/or cracked and are need of repairs. He would like to begin obtaining information from various cemetery vendors who could be hired to repair these.

He stated that there are approximately 70 graves available in the Agawam Cemetery and there is still plenty of room for expansion. He plans on using herbicide to remove the yucca plants and the ever evasive bittersweet vines.

Mrs. Bird proposed creating a "Friends of the Cemetery" group, as a voluntary 501C organization, who could assist with the clean up of the three cemeteries.

The Cemetery Commissioners also brought up contracting with Tom Daly of Cemetery Helpful Solutions for his advice and expertise on various cemetery matters. Mr. Menard stated that he would reach out to him, now that the funding has been approved as of July 1, 2019, and request Mr. Daly to submit a proposal agreement.

A re-organization of the Cemetery Commissioners occurred, voting 3-0-0 to have Jack M. Silva become Chairman of the Cemetery Commissioners and Kathleen Bird to become the Cemetery Clerk with a vote of 3-0-0.

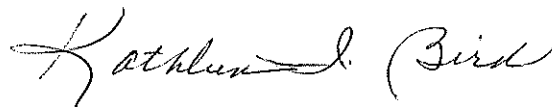
A motion was made to authorize the cemetery chairman to allow conference calls from the Cemetery Commissioners from time to time. Vote: 3-0-0

A revised schematic by Barnicoat Monuments was re-submitted for approval pertaining to the stone ordered by Michael Pina for lot 283 graves 1 and 2 in the Centre Annex. The revised schematic that was submitted for this meeting shows that a heart has been inserted instead of a fish, with a portion of a heart protruding from the stone. This was rejected as well because of safety factors.

Ms. Retina Pina, ex-wife of Michael Pina and mother of Jason Pina who is interred in that lot, appeared at the Cemetery Commissioner's meeting to voice her objection to the installation of a headstone on that lot. She stated that there had been a verbal agreement made with her ex-husband that they would both agree on a stone and each would pay equal shares towards its purchase. She stated that she was never told about the stone nor does she approve of it. She would like to meet with Mr. Pina and come to some sort of agreement on the schematic and the cost. She requested the Cemetery Commissioners deny the request until this had been done. Legally, it is still Mr. Pina's right to submit the schematic, as well as, installing a headstone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019, 8:00 am at the MMD office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen L. Bird". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right area of the document.