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Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017

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
Liaison officer:	David Menard, Director	Present
	Deborah J. Berchtold, Administrative Assistant	Present
Guests:	Anthi Frangiadis	
	Chris Consoletti	

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

Minutes: June 15, 2017 approved 3-0-0

Licenses:

Chandler	Centre Annex Lot 243	Graves 1 & 2	Approved 3-0-0
Pina	Centre Annex Lot 283	Graves 1 & 2	Approved 3-0-0

License Transfers:

Strawn/Taber	Centre	Lot 729	Graves 5, 8, 9, 10	Approved 3-0-0
Maxim/Baxter	Centre	Lot 622	Graves 3 and 5	Approved 3-0-0

New Business:

Schedule of Cemetery Payment Receipts was presented to the Commissioners for their review.
Requested to have the word "Deed" changed to the word Recording.

Old Business:

Anthi Frangiadis appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the original vote not to allow Ms. Frangiadis to plant a flowering tree in memory of her mother at Lot 261 in the Centre Annex. After discussing the types of trees which could be planted, it was determined that there are indeed flowering trees planted in that area of the Cemetery. Since it does not stipulate in the present Rules and Regulations that a flowering tree could not be planted, the Cemetery Commissioners voted 3-0-0 to approve this planting with the stipulation that an arborist would care for the tree. However, there is now a moratorium in place that states there will no longer allow the planting of flowering trees in the Town cemeteries. Vote: 3-0-0

Chris Consoletti appeared before the Cemetery Commissioners to seek clarification as to why the placing of corner markers for the Dansereau lot was denied. It was explained that it requires a high degree of maintenance on these markers and the request for installation should have been sought before the purchase of the corner markers. The Cemetery Commissioners voted 2-1-0 to allow the corner markers to be placed on the Dansereau lot 167 graves 1, 2, 7, 8 in the Annex section of the Agawam Cemetery. There is now a moratorium in place that will no longer allow corner marking in any of the Town cemeteries.

Mr. Consoletti also questioned what items could be placed in front of a headstone. He asked where the money was from the perpetual care funds and if it could be used now. He stated there are many low lying bushes that need to be removed within the cemeteries. He also suggested that graves and lots be sold as needed and no more than 8 graves to any one buyer. Mrs. Bird stated she would like to have a meeting with the Funeral Home Directors in the area and discuss various subjects and ideas pertaining to the Cemeteries.

Director's Report:

There were 2 full burials and 3 cremations for the month of June. Mr. Menard informed the Cemetery Commissioners that a contract was signed with Cemetery Helpful Solutions for Mr. Daly's professional services pertaining to the Town cemeteries. All three Commissioners fully support having a contract with Mr. Daly and he will present them with an outline to review of the new Rules and Regulations shortly. Mr. Menard also stated that GAF is still working on the Natural Heritage Project pertaining to the turtles.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Next meeting to be Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 8:00 A.M

Jack M. Silva