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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 16, 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 <i>Jack M. Silva</i>	Present
	Deborah Jean Rose	Present
Liaison officer:	David Menard, Director	Absent
	Deborah J. Berchtold	Present
Public Citizen:	Karen Camandona	

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

Minutes:

September and October 2017 minutes are not available at this time.

Licenses:

Roberts	Centre Annex Lot 288	Grave 3 (single)	Approved 3-0-0
Lawson	Centre Annex Lot 272	Graves 7&8	Approved 3-0-0

License/Transfer:

Kullas/Phillips	Agawam Annex Lot 243	Grave 5 (single)	Approved 3-0-0
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Discussion:

Try to schedule Tom Daly for the next meeting to be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 to discuss the new documentation which may soon be introduced and adopted for use. (License of Burial and the Interment form). The new rules and regulations need to be more defined with the subject of "residency" as a major topic of discussion.

The Fall Town Meeting was discussed. One speaker, at the public hearing, did not have the right details, the water situation was brought up, one resident thought that the Director and the Town Administrator have too much power and the word "deed" needs to be looked at. Town property belongs to the Town, not the purchaser of a license.

The 1st Article, regarding the adoption of a new set of Rules and Regulations was not perceived as being beneficial to the Cemeteries and lacked sufficient facts.

The Commissioners need to find a way to get more people to attend the Spring meeting. They would like to re-present the article to the town residents to vote again at the Spring Town Meeting. It was suggested that a way to be prepared for the voters questions regarding the Rules and Regulation would be to have a group of people sit in various sections of the auditorium to counteract any questions that might arise that would need clarification.

The 2nd Article, which pertained to combining two past articles into one was passed by the town voters and will be used for the Expansion of the Agawam cemetery.

The current rules and regulations should be reviewed before moving forward. Are the current ones too long? Try to be more precise. Should the cemetery commissioners be elected?

Should extra money be spent to provide better grass seed in the cemeteries? Rain barrels are still being discussed. There is no more space available at the Agawam and Long Neck cemeteries. No new news on the expansion of the Agawam.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Next meeting to be Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 8:00 A.M