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Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019

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
Liaison officer:	Alan Slavin	Absent
Ex Officio:	David Menard, Director	Present

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 A.M.

The minutes of March 21, 2019 were read and approved: 2-0-0

Licenses reviewed and voted 2-0-0 were:

Agawam Lot 345 graves #5 and #6
Agawam Lot 345 graves #7 and #8
Agawam Lot 355 graves #3 and #4
Agawam Lot 355 graves #1 and #2

Director's Report:

The Director of Municipal Maintenance stated that there were three interments since the last meeting, two full burials and one cremation. He discussed the status of the Centre Cemetery building which will soon be torn down. He informed the Cemetery Commissioners that the water has been shut off and he is waiting to receive the demolition permit in order to continue with the demolition. Mr. Menard also mentioned his cemetery goals for the month of May which include having Mother's Day week end, as well as Memorial Day week end be in pristine appearance for those who will be entering the cemeteries to pay respects to their departed loved ones.

Old Business:

Mr. Joseph Barnicoat of Barnicoat Associated Memorials appeared before the Cemetery Commissioners to re-open the request of installing a pillow stone for Ms. Lucy Dalbec,

whose grave is located in Agawam, Lot 349, grave 2. Mr. Menard originally approved the stone but did not approve the installation of the stone because the grave was vacant. He felt if there wasn't a burial there, the stone wasn't necessary and it would only create additional maintenance for the work crew.

Mr. Barnicoat stated that there are many cemetery customers who prepare and pay for their own funeral arrangements prior to his/her death. The conversation between the Cemetery Commissioners, Mr. Menard and Mr. Barnicoat consisted of the cemetery maintenance vs. pre-need burials. The Cemetery Commissioners voted 2-0-0 to allow the installation of the pillow stone for Lucille Dalbec, Agawam Cemetery, Lot 349, grave 2. It was also determined that all future pre-need burials will be addressed on an individual basis.

At the cemetery meeting in February, the idea of creating a memorial garden, like the one the Church of the Good Shepard has was brought up as a future idea for the town owned cemeteries. In March, Mrs. Bird asked Patrick MacDonald, Wareham Health Agent, if the Church of the Good Shepard had gone through the proper procedures according to Chapter 114 to have the memorial garden approved as a burial ground. In April, Mrs. Bird was informed that the Department of Public Health does not have any jurisdiction over the land approved for the burial of cremains.

Purchases of lots and graves by non-residents was discussed. A policy will be forthcoming by the Commissioners.

Mr. Bill Wilson of Watertown Engineering Corporation presented his services and product line pertaining to purchases and installations of Columbarium's. It was determined that this idea should be presented to the BOS for approval, but to speak to our Liaison first.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on, Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the MMD at 8:00 a.m.

Jack O. Silva 6/20/19