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## TOWN OF WAREHAM

### Cemetery Commissioners

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### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Location: 2:15 P.M. – MMD, 95 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA 02571

Roll Call:

Commissioners:

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| Kathleen Bird, Clerk | Present |
| Susan Akins          | Present |
| Jack Silva           | Present |

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| Liaison officer: | Judith Whiteside | Absent |
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| Ex Officio: | David Menard, Director | Present |
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The meeting was called to order at 2:15 P.M.

The minutes of January 25th were read and approved 3-0-0.

**There were no licenses to review and vote on.**

**There were eight monuments that were reviewed and voted 3-0-0.**

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| Tracy Plante         | Agawam Cemetery Annex Section | Lot: 164 | Grave: 2    |
| Karen Busch Harrison | Agawam Cemetery               | Lot: 357 | Graves: 3&4 |
| James Draper         | Agawam Cemetery Annex Section | Lot: 242 | Grave: 8A   |
| Gene Crocker         | Agawam Cemetery Annex Section | Lot: 229 | Grave: 5    |
| Barbara Vesey        | Agawam Cemetery Annex Section | Lot: 36  | Grave: 8A   |
| Sharon Martin        | Agawam Cemetery Annex Section | Lot: 85  | Grave: 2    |

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| Patricia Klepper | Center Cemetery Annex Section | Lot: 51  | Grave: 1 |
| Donald Grassi    | Center Cemetery Annex Section | Lot: 246 | Grave: 7 |

### **Director's Report:**

Mr. Menard stated that there were six (6) burials between the months of January 25, 2023 and April 4, 2023. All six (6) of those burials being full burials and zero (0) being cremations.

### **Old Business:**

Lots not used after 75 years is still being researched.

Protocol for unclaimed remains still in discussion. A policy is to be put in place. Research to be conducted will start with what the state law requires. We are asking a representative from Wareham Village and Chapman to join us at the next meeting to see what their input is. We will also be reaching out to other towns to see what their protocol is.

We are in the process of reaching out to masons and other options for monument repairs.

The committee plans to acquire the most up to date financials to see what funds are available and can be requested at the fall Town Meeting. The intention is to ask for funds to be designated for the purchase of sod and a rebuild kit for machinery used in the cemetery. The costs for repairing stones will also be included in this request. There are other items to be discussed for request. Financial records are to be collected and reviewed at the next cemetery meeting.

### **New Business:**

Discussion of implementing only flat markers regulation moving forward in the center section of Agawam cemetery to future license holders. The start of the next meeting will be held at the Agawam cemetery located on Great Neck Road in Wareham at 1:45PM. Dave Menard will be presenting the area of the cemetery planned to implement the flat marker regulation.

The status of the flat marker requested by Stephen Harrington was approved. Research determined Stephen was not a current heir to the lot but was able to acquire notarized letters from each of the current surviving heirs confirming their wishes and intentions for the grave.

The request for marker from Ann Ludlow is on hold until further information can be obtained.

Document checklists for lot purchases, internment applications and monument authorizations were created and approved by the cemetery commissioners. Moving forward proof of Wareham residency will need be provided when purchasing lots in any cemetery in the Town of Wareham.

It was reinforced that the Town will require at least 48 notice before any arrangements in the cemeteries can be scheduled.

Reserving lots and/or graves will not be a request granted moving forward and will remain on the "first come first serve" basis as long as the interred is an heir or any and/or all eligible heirs have agreed on who is being interred, unless the heirs have agreed to assign one lot representative to make any and all changes to the lot.

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