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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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

Roll Call:

Commissioners:

Kathleen Bird, Clerk	Present
Susan Akins	Present
Jack Silva	Absent

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 April 4, 2023 were read and approved 2-0-0.

There were five licenses which were reviewed and voted 2-0-0.

April M. DeMoranville	Centre Annex	Lot 262	Graves 7&8
Paul E. Alford	Centre Annex	Lot 278	Graves 5-8
Kerri Ann Chiaraluce	Centre Annex	Lot 290	Grave 5
Teresa L. Jones	Agawam	Lot 360	Grave 8
Marc A. Elias	Agawam	Lot 363	Grave 4

There were eight markers that were reviewed and voted 2-0-0.

Marcia Rounseville Perry	Agawam Annex	Lot 64	Grave 5
Bernice Atwood	Centre "C" Section	Lot 40	Grave 2
Robert B. Murphy Jr.	Centre Annex	Lot 245	Grave 7
Barbara Ross Heard	Centre Annex	Lot 169	Grave 7

Betty Jean Dean	Agawam	Lot 360	Grave 8
Carlene Brennan	Centre Annex	Lot 290	Grave 5
Harold & Anna Hale	Agawam Annex	Lot 19	Graves 3&4
John Ludlow	Centre Cemetery	Lot 112	Grave 2

There was one monument that was reviewed and approved 2-0-0

James Rowan	Agawam Annex	Lot 127	Graves 7&8
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Director's Report:

Mr. Menard stated that there were thirteen (13) burials between the months of April 5, 2023 through July 19, 2023. Of those thirteen (13) burials, four (4) were full burials and nine (9) were cremations.

Mr. Menard then provided an update on the expansion of the Agawam Cemetery declaring that all the rocks have been dug out. The town has acquired a screener that will allow the area to be seeded and loamed.

Old Business:

Lots not used after 75 years is still being researched.

Protocol for unclaimed remains is still in discussion. Will reach out to surrounding towns and see if they have encountered this situation. If they have, a policy will be put into effect for such circumstances. We plan to invite Chapman Funeral and Wareham Village Funeral Home to attend a future meeting and offer any input on this.

In the case of monument repairs, John Vozzella of Vozzella Granite Industries notified us that he is interested in repairing damaged headstones. A meeting is in the works for him to discuss his services with Dave Menard.

The cemetery financials gathered reflected \$32,992.42 in perpetual care interest that would be available to purchase items pertaining to the cemeteries. The items in discussions are a new mower, rebuild kit (to repair equipment used in cemetery) and artificial grass that is used during burials.

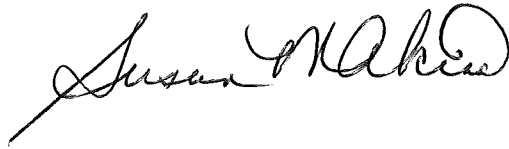
Unfortunately, there was no time to visit the Agawam Cemetery to see the director's request enforcing only flat markers allowed from now on in the center section of Agawam Cemetery. Will try again for a visit during the next meeting at which time the expansion area should be ready to be viewed.

The request from Ann Ludlow for the flat marker for John Ludlow was approved after research showed he was in fact an heir to the original lot holder.

The rates for burials were reviewed and it was decided that the rates will remain the same going forward. This was determined after comparing rates with several surrounding Towns.

The next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2:15 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.