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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019
Location: 8:00 A.M. – MMD, 95 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA 02571

Roll Call:

Commissioners:	Jack M. Silva, Chairman	Present
	Kathleen Bird, Clerk	Present
	Susan Akins	Present
Liaison officer:	Alan Slavin	Absent
Ex Officio:	David Menard, Director	Present

The meeting was called to order at 8:10, roll call was taken with all Cemetery Commissioners in attendance.

The minutes of November 21, 2019 were read and approved: 3-0-0

One license was reviewed and approved 3-0-0.
Agawam Cemetery, Lot 356 graves 1 thru 4

Director's Report:

Mr. Menard stated that there were seven (7) burials as of November 22, 2019, with four (4) being full burials and the remaining three (3) being cremations. The Director informed the Commissioners that a new door for the cemetery building, located in Agawam Cemetery, was replaced due to the fact that there had a break in at the beginning of the month. He also informed them that the demolition of the building located in Centre Cemetery would be demolished sometime within the next two weeks. The Cemetery Commissioners also discussed the matter of having a separate cemetery administration building built where residents could conduct cemetery business privately, and to store all cemetery books and files in one location. One of the commissioners would like to discuss this idea with capital planning.

Old Business:

Note: No correspondence has been received, to date, by Kathleen Weiss pertaining to her flat marker request. This schematic has now been removed from any future agendas for discussion.

The perpetual care revenue and interest, forwarded by the Financial Director, was presented to the Commissioners for their review. They were informed that a simpler spreadsheet would be created

which would include the perpetual care principal, perpetual care interest, foundations, interments and the sale of lots and graves. This new report will be presented to them at the next cemetery meeting.

Mrs. Bird asked if it would be more cost effective to reclaim lots and graves that are empty and are at least 75 years old. She was told yes it would, because the land is already surveyed, cleared and measured. Purchasing a newer probe or perhaps using ground penetrating radar to detect empty graves was also discussed.

The Cemetery Commissioners asked the cemetery office if the licensee holder of the Phillips and Young lots, located in Centre Annex, had been contacted to remind them that they need to remove the bushes planted in the lot. They will be receiving a letter informing them that the bushes need to be removed by May 1, 2020.

New Business:

The Commissioners would like to review the cemetery rules and regulations pamphlet in order to gather ideas in order to create new policies. They may conduct a separate cemetery meeting to discuss residential purchases for a new policy.

Other policies the Cemetery Commissioners would like to address are:

- Residential Policy
- Policy for private burials
- A policy for purchasing headstones/markers online
- Need to have a standardized vault size. It would be better to have a single vault cover rather than a two.
- Vault companies should also be billed for extra time to deliver the vault.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 16, 2020. at the MMD office.

Jack Oh. Silva 1/29/2020