

Town of Great Barrington

Cemetery Commission

Minutes of Meeting – December 9, 2015

In attendance:

- Walter Atwood – Chairman
- Steve Bannon – Commissioner
- Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent
- Shep Evans – Animal Control Officer
- Ed Abrahams – Citizen

- 1) Meeting called to Order at 10:00 AM by the Chair
- 2) Approval of minutes from the April 16, 2014 meeting.
 - a) Includes approval of expenditure for repairs to the Weatherbee Vault.
 - b) Fee increases will be discussed during the FY 2017 budget discussions.
 - c) On a motion by Mr. Bannon and seconded by Mr. Atwood the minutes of April 16,, 2014 were approved unanimously.
- 3) New Business:
 - a) On a motion by Mr. Bannon and seconded by Mr. Atwood the commission unanimously approved the expenditure on Cemetery Funds for the purchase of an new zero turn riding lawn mower in FY 2016.
 - b) The Commission was advised that the FY 2017 budget will include the following for discussion.
 - i) New walk behind leaf blower.
 - ii) New walk behind lawn mower.
 - iii) New motor for the leaf vacuum.
 - iv) New riding lawn mower.
 - v) Restore the seasonal help position.
- 4) Animal Control Officer
 - a) Shep Evans the new Animal Control Officer was introduced to the Commission.
 - b) Items of discussion included:
 - i) People with dogs using the cemeteries including Elmwood, Avah Shalom, Greenlawn, St. Peters and St. Bridgett's.
 - ii) Areas of patrolling activities being performed.
 - iii) Contact information for the Officer.

iv) Future dog park discussion

5) Other Business / Updates

- a) Discussion of a monument repair project at the older cemeteries in Town including, Water Street, and Mahawie. Mr. Sokul will have staff review the cemeteries and put together list of repairs.
- b) Discussion on rehabbing the fence around Mahawie and Water Street to include repairs and painting. Mr. Sokul will have staff review the fencing at both locations.
- c) Mr. Sokul will follow up on letters of intent to serve on the Cemetery Commission.
- d) Discussion on setting up a cemetery road repair plan and get it on repair schedule. Mr. Sokul will follow up.

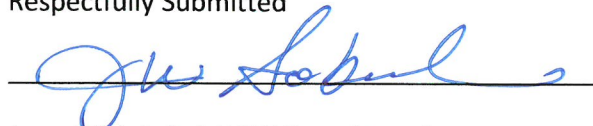
6) Citizen Speak

- a) Mr. Ed Abrams asked if the meetings could be scheduled a little more often so meeting minutes does not take so long to approve. The Commission agreed with the suggestion.

7) The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for January 20, 2016 at 9:30 AM

8) On a motion by Mr. Bannon and seconded by Mr. Atwood the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted



Joseph W. Sokul, DPW Superintendent