

CEMETERY COMMISSION MINUTES 11-5-2012

COMMISSIONER; DOLIMOUNT, SPRAGUE, SPERO-CHAIRMAN PRESENT

GUESTS: ROBEN CAMPBELL SHAKER HISTORIAN

MARY ARATA HARVARD HILLSIDE (PRESS)

SYDNEY BLACKWELL (HARVARD PRESS)

RON RICCI –SELECTMAN

JOE THERIAULT-HHC

RHONDA SPRAGUE-HHC

KEN SWANTON-CHAIRMAN- HHC

MEETING OPEN 3:05-

1. DISCUSSION RE THE RATES CHARGED FOR INTERMENTS –RECOMMENDED WE CONSIDER A \$450.00 INCREASE IN THE FUTURE. COMMISSIONER DOLIMOUNT TO SURVEY.

2. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME AND PEOPLE PRESENT; THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

THE DAMAGE TO BELLVUE CEMETERY WAS REVIEWED AND MOTION MADE AND PASSED (3-0) TO CONTACT ACORN TREE AND FLAGG BROS; FOR QUOTES; TO REMOVE 3 TREES AND CLEAN UP-CRANE IS NEEDED.

OFF MOST CONCERN WAS THE SHAKER CEMETERY WHICH SUFFERED EXTENSIVE TREE DAMAGE, AND DAMAGE TO THE HISTORIC MARKERS. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS IT WAS AGREED TO SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR TREE REMOVAL AT THE SHAKER CEMETERY. ALSO THE PROPOSED PLAN TO REMOVE MARKERS AND STORE AT FRUITLANDS TO PREVENT DAMAGE DURING TREE REMOVAL WAS AGREED UPON.(3 YES-0 NO) REMAINING MAKER TO BE PRESERVED WILL BE SENT TO CENTRAL MASS. POWDER COATING BY 12-01-12. VOTE(3 YES 0 NO) IN THE INTERIM TREES WILL BE REMOVED BY ACORN TREE AFTER THE GROUND FREEZES WITH THE USE OF A CRANE. LOW BID OF LAST FALL FROM ACORN HAS BEEN RE- CONFIRMED. WORK TO START AS SOON A GROUND FREEZES. JOE THERIAULT VOLUNTEERED TO CHECK AND SEE IF THEY WOULD ALLOW IN THE FUTURE THE CUTTING OF TREES THAT BORDER THE SHAKER CEMETERY AND COULD FALL.

FOR MORE EXTENSIVE REPORTS PLEASE REFER TO THE ARTICLES IN THE HARVARD HILLSIDE(MARY ARATA) OR HARVARD PRESS(SYDNEY BLACKWELL) MEETING CLOSE 4:55.

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