

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 18, 2017

New Castle Cemetery Trustees monthly meeting at New Castle Town Hall, 3.30 p.m.

Present: Jim Cerny, Terri Golter, Carol White,

Visitors: Deb Knowles, Joan Hammond

1.1 - The December minutes were approved after a few corrections were made.

2.1 – Some new bills came in from Mike Petlick. Most of the bills were too high so Terri made adjustments to them. The new amounts are what will be paid.

2.2 – We finalized the budget for next year.

3.1 – No new deaths, lot sales or burials to report.

4.1 - Holly Fraumeni was unanimously voted in as an alternate Cemetery Trustee. Jim will ask the selectmen to make this official.

4.2 – Discussion on changes to the Rules and Regulations was postponed to the next meeting. Carol will prepare handouts for the meeting.

4.3 – Jim made a revision to our lot purchase/right to inter form but we decided not to make the change due to our discussion about Terry Knowles letter – see below.

Misc. business – We discussed various solar lighting options for the flagpoles at Oceanside and Riverside. We made a decision on what to purchase and Terri will order them. The money is to come out of this year's budget.

We discussed a letter Jim just received from Terry Knowles, Assistant Director - Charitable Trusts Unit, Dept. of Attorney General. He had asked her for a definitive answer as to how we can use monies received from the sale of lots designated as "Right to Inter" lots. Here is her reply:

The decision regarding whether or not to have perpetual care funds is up to each town. The term "perpetual care" creates the charitable trust. The absence of those words means no charitable trust is created. If New Castle, for example, had perpetual care funds required as part of the sale of a lot up until 2014 those perpetual care funds will continue to exist in perpetuity.

If, however, in 2015 the Town of New Castle decided not to require any more perpetual care funds going forward then the new "funds" received are not listed individually because there is no trust.

If the Town of New Castle has changed to the right to inter model, and no longer requires perpetual care funds for new lots, any money received from the right to inter sales can be used as described in the budget you describe.

*Terry M. Knowles
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Next Meeting: February 15 at 3.30 p.m.

Carol White, Secretary