

**CEMETERY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2014
6:00 PM
Conference Room B**

Present: William Graham
Maureen Sargent
Gail Forsberg

Also

Present: Daniel Nason, DPW Director
Joanne McPherson - Worcester MA

1. Review/approve minutes from January 14, 2014 meeting

Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved

2. Current Rates - review spreadsheet comparison

Mr. Nason said he would like to determine the long term plans for the cemetery and the need for more land/space before any new rates are officially voted on. We need to lay out the remaining lots in the Kizer section then analyze our build-out plans and future goals to figure out a master plan.

Mr. Graham suggested that no action be taken at this time until a decision regarding long-term cemetery space is reached. Motion seconded, unanimous vote for no action to be taken at this time.

3. Review Cemetery Regulations

Mr. Graham suggested that each Commissioner take the rules/regulations home and read them carefully, make any changes/suggestions before approval at the next meeting. Motion seconded - unanimous vote to take no action on the regulations until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Flanders - flat marker dispute

Cindy Flanders call the DPW office to inquire as to "who gave permission for a flat marker to be placed on her mother's grave. She is the proprietor and she did not give anyone permission". Worcester County Memorials placed the stone November 2013 - which was bought by Joanne McPherson, sister to Lucille Flanders (deceased). Basically the conversation was about who owned the lot/who the heirs are, etc. The board told Ms. McPherson that

this seemed like a legal matter between heirs and that no action will be taken as it must be resolved between family members.

Mr. Graham moved to take no action on this matter

Ms. Sargent seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimously passed

2. Breyfogle - Cemetery rules for items left at gravesites

The cemetery received an email/photos of a lot next to Mr. Breyfogle's regarding the items being left. There were several broken mugs, and mementos on the lot belonging to 'Maguire'. Question being where do we draw the line when cleaning up cemetery items. When is it respectful, where do we store the items? Who is to determine what is a personal item or trash? Pictures were reviewed by the Commission and it was decided that only the broken mugs that were there would be removed as they could be a danger if someone picked them up and got injured.

Mr. Graham moved to take no other action at this time

Ms. Sargent seconded motion

Vote: Unanimously passed

3. Possible repair of old headstones

Ms. Sargent asked about fixing several of the old headstones that are knocked over in the oldest sections of the cemetery. It was suggested that it may be beneficial to inquire about it before the 250th anniversary in town. It is an expensive thing to do - Mr. Nason said he would look into it, and possibly add funds to the FY'16 budget for said repairs. He also said he would contact Mr. Coderre to see if CPC had opportunities to fund this type of project.

- Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, September 16th, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn:

At 7:55 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robbie Powers, DPW Administrative Assistant