



Christian Consoletti, Chairman
Nancy Miller

TOWN OF WAREHAM

Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Location: 95 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA 02571 Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Commissioners:	Nancy Miller	Present
	Brenda Eckstrom	Present
Liaison officer:	David Menard for Mark Gifford, Director	Present
	Deborah J. Correia, Administrative Assistant	Present

1. The meeting opened at 2:20 p.m.
2. The minutes of the March 20, 2012 were read but tabled. Christian Consoletti should sign these minutes but he was absent from the meeting.
3. Decision to vote on election of officers was tabled to the next meeting. The Commissioners would like to wait and see if Christian Consoletti will choose to become a Commissioner again. Brenda Eckstrom was appointed a Commissioner by the Board of Selectmen. This is her first Cemetery Commissioner's meeting.
4. Motion to grant permission for the installation of foundation pads for Peters, Center Annex, Lot 234 graves 3,4,5 and 6 and Pitts who owns Centre Annex, Lot 257 graves 1 and 2 was made. Voted 2-0-0 in favor.
5. Suggested by Nancy Miller to begin tracking all cemetery expenses. This would include employee labor, over-time, sewer, water and any other cemetery expenses incurred by the cemetery division. By tracking expenses, there would be the necessary backup should a revolving account be created.
6. A lengthy discussion ensued regard hiring part time employees, four (4) seasonal laborers for five hours a day, to work only in the cemeteries. This would allow Municipal Maintenance to spend time working on other assignments in Town. The eighty hours would be paid through monies received from the internment account. Dave Menard suggested the workers begin the very beginning of May to allow time to have the cemetery cleaned up for Mother's Day and work for twelve weeks. Ask Frank what the ideal cutting schedule should be.

A motion was made and voted 2-0-0 to insert the following article into the October Fall Town Meeting

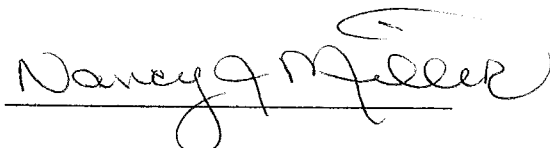
To see if the Town will appropriate \$6,000 from the general fund, internment revenues, to hire up to four seasonal laborers for FY 2013 to maintain the Cemeteries in the Town of Wareham, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

7. Another motion was made and voted 2-0-0 to insert the following article into the October Fall Town Meeting

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of no more than to \$10,000.00 from the Sale of Lots and Graves account to hire an Arborist to evaluate the health and conditions fo the trees and shrubs in the three town owned cemeteries.

8. A discussion of the condition of the Centre Cemetery wall was tabled for future discussion.
9. An Eagle Scout project consisting of a scout repairing a portion of the Agawam Cemetery was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Questions were raised pertaining to liability and insurance coverage should an accident occur while completing this project. Nan Miller will request paperwork from the BOS office.
10. The Town Cemetery cleanup notice was produced and shown to the Cemetery Commissioners. It was discussed to have an arborist decide which trees and shrubs should be removed from the cemeteries. It was also suggested to have the Cemetery Cleanup Notice be read at the Board of Selectmen's meeting in order to reach lot owners who reside out of the local Wareham area.
11. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 2:00 pm at 95 Charge Pond Road.
12. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. 2-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Cemetery Commissioners

/djc

- c. Mary Ann Silva, Town Clerk
Frank Bergamasco, Cemetery Foreman
Mary Healy, Department Assistant
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