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TOWN OF WAREHAM

Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

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

Attendance:

Commissioners:	Nancy Miller	Present
	Brenda Eckstrom	Present
Liaison officer:	Mark Gifford, Director	Present
	Deborah J. Correia, Administrative Assistant	Present
Guest	Alan Slavin	

1. The meeting opened at 2:30 p.m.
2. The minutes of the September 5, 2012 were read and approved 2-0-0.
3. The members were informed the Finance committee adamantly opposed the article to hire seasonal workers in the Cemeteries during the spring and summer months.
4. There is \$17, 000 short in the perpetual care fund. There is approximately \$305,000.00 in the perpetual care fund. At this time interest rates are so low, there isn't any additional monies going into the perpetual care interest fund. Discussion ensued to talk with John Foster, Town Collector/Treasure to discuss options and investments for the perpetual care funds.
5. It was 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. What would be the ideal yearly cost to have a certain number of employees assigned to the cemeteries in order to continuously maintain them.
6. Signage for the cemeteries was discussed. The sign will have red letters on a white background. It will be 30 x 30. The sign design and cost is attached.
7. American flags are not to be removed from any graves without approval from the veteran's agent.

8. The Commissioners decided to send to the Board of Selectmen the Cemetery cleanup notice to announce it while the Board of Selectmen's meeting is being taped. A larger audience will hear the announcement and be informed of the cleanup.
9. In the future all minutes will be forwarded to Board of Selectmen so they may informed of any issues pertaining to the Cemeteries.
10. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.
11. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 1:00 pm. All future meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Miller 15 Jan 2013
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- c. Mary Ann Silva, Town Clerk
Frank Bergamasco, Cemetery Foreman
Mary Healy, Department Assistant
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