

TOWN OF WAREHAM

Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:

Monday, August 12, 2013

Location:

95 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA 02571

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Commissioners:

Nancy Miller

Present

Brenda Eckstrom

Present

Deborah Jean Rose

Present

David Menard Liaison officer:

Present Present

Deborah J. Correia, Administrative Assistant

Frank Bergamasco, Cemetery Foreman

Present

- The minutes of the January 15, 2013 were read and approved 2-0-1.
- Nomination of officers: A motion was made to have Nancy Miller be appointed as Chairman. Voted 2-0-0.
- Deeds signed:

Cogswell, Earl S.	Centre Annex	Lot 269	Graves 1 & 2
Sullivan, Elaine	Agawam Annex	Lot 241	Graves 5 & 6
Cannon, Joyce	Agawam Annex	Lot 235	Grave 8
Cannon, Joyce	Agawam Annex	Lot 235	Grave 9
Dederer, Victoria A.	Centre Annex	Lot 260	Graves 3 & 4
Cayer, Marguerite and Paul	Agawam Annex	Lot 181	Graves 5 & 6
Bowen, Mary	Centre Annex	Lot 245	Grave 11
Doherty, William P.	Agawam Annex	Lot 225	Graves 7 & 8
Caradimos, Robert A.	Agawam Annex	Lot 225	Graves 5 & 6
Hayhow, Peter P.	Centre Annex	Lot 239	Graves 5 & 6
Mears, Catherine M.	Centre Annex	Lot 265	Graves 3 & 4

- Deed was signed for the transfer of Lot 101 graves 7 & 8 purchase by Thomas Edgar Turner to Sally Turner Coyle.
- Discussion of Maintenance Schedule: There is no maintenance schedule due to lack of personnel, as stated by the Director of Municipal Maintenance. In order to maintain the

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cemeteries properly the Municipal Maintenance Department would need to request additional funding from Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator. MMD is at the barest minimum of employees to maintain the cemeteries. It was suggested to plant perennials instead of grass to ease the work load. MMD received the suggestion of hiring two full time laborers and/or obtaining students from Upper Cape Regional to work as interns in the cemeteries.

- * Discussion of Perpetual Care and Sales of Lots and Graves Monies: There is not enough money in the perpetual care interest fund to use. It is going to take a long time for the interest to build back up again. The only account which has money is the account for the sale of lots and graves. The withdrawal of money from this account is usually used for large cemetery projects, such as a new cemetery building.
- * Agawam Cemetery: Running out of graves to sell in the Agawam Cemetery. It was suggested by the Cemetery Commissioners to invite JC Engineering to the next cemetery meeting to discuss a cremation park and a memorial. The town needs to sell graves but the land first needs to be cleared and excavated.
- * To be discussed at the next meeting:

Surveying and excavation of Agawam Cemetery

Limiting the amount a graves a person may purchase

Pulling shrubs. Is permission required?

- * Next meeting to be held on September 9, 2013, 95 Charge Pond Road at 7:00 a.m.
- * Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners

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