

TOWN OF WAREHAM

Cemetery Commissioners

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:

Monday, September 16, 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 Liaison officer:

Present Present

David Menard

Present

Deborah J. Correia, Administrative Assistant Frank Bergamasco, Cemetery Foreman

Present

Judith Whiteside, Board of Selectmen

Present

- The meeting opened at 7:18 a.m.
- The minutes of the August 15, 2013 were read, approved and signed. 3-0-0.
- Deeds signed:

Robert Callinan.

Agawam Annex

Lot 181

Graves 7 & 8

Susan B. Watkins

Centre Annex

Lot 245

Grave 10

- Deed for the transfer of Lot 101 graves 7 & 8 in Center Annex, purchased by Thomas Edgar Turner to Sally Turner Coyle. was reviewed and tabled temporarily until more information is received regarding the status of the remaining heirs (note: the sole beneficiaries have already submitted a letter of authorization allowing the transfer)
- Deed for the transfer of Lot 50 graves 1, 2 & 3 in Agawam, from Charles Miller, by Lois Miller, and now seeking transfer of said lot to Judy Clark, was reviewed and tabled temporarily until more information is received regarding the status of JoAnna Jozapaitis. (note: per conversation with Judy Clark on 10/10/2013, JoAnna is deceased).
- Request for the transfer of Lot 351 graves 3, 4, & 5 in Centre Cemetery, transferred from the Besse family lot to Grace Morrison, was reviewed and tabled until more information is received. Paperwork is being requested by the Commissioner to show that Grace Morrision is in this lot is waiting to be received.
- Discussion of Cannon headstone- submitting request for this headstone to Town Counsel to request an official ruling of the headstone to be placed in the single section of a Town cemetery. The Cannon family is looking to have a headstone with a 3x1 base installed when

it normally is a 2x1 foundation base when it is installed in the single section.

- * Discussion of Rules and Regulations Handbook: The older handbook dated 1986 or the newer one which was printed in 2009. Motion made and approved 3-0-0 to have Cemetery Chairman to ask Town Counsel which handbook the Cemetery Commissioners should be following. What procedure is required legally in order to have a new set of rules and regulations adopted?
- * Agawam Cemetery: Discussion ensued regarding the surveying of this cemetery so more area can be used for the selling of lots and graves. The Commissioners suggested seeking 3 quotes to have the Agawam Cemetery layout produced.
- * Municipal Maintenance is seeking funding for cemetery supplies. The Commissioners authorized the use of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 to be used for cemetery supplies and maintenance from the sale of lots and graves account.
- * Discussion of limiting the amount of graves a person can purchase at one time.
- * Veterans' Day-flags need to be removed from veteran's graves the day after the holiday. Community service organizations will pick up the flags and clean up cemeteries. Any questions regarding the flags, Frank Bergamasco will be the contact person.
- * Commissioners will speak with Kevin Walsh and John Walcek regarding traffic control on Mosquito Dam Road. Request to have traffic use Cranberry Highway in its place to avoid damages to the cemetery road and the cemetery headstones.
- * To be discussed at the next meeting:
- Surveying and excavation of Agawam Cemetery
- Policy and procedure to follow pertaining to deeds
- * Next meeting to be determined at a later date.
- * Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners

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