

Wareham Cemetery Commissioners Meeting  
January 23, 2014

Present

Brenda Eckstrom

Nancy Miller

Deborah Jean Rose arrived at 4:30 PM

Judith Whiteside, Selectman Liaison

Meeting opened at 4:00 PM

Minutes of November 21, 2013 incomplete and so passed over:  
No Deeds needed to be signed.

Discussion re: a letter from Lynda Ames requesting a bench is placed on the family lot. She must follow general rules for placement of monuments etc – Letter will be sent explaining procedure, and review.

N. Miller reminded B. Eckstrom that she was to meld the two existing versions of Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

N. Miller described the idea for a log book to be used daily by anyone working in the cemeteries.- It would record who is working out in the 3 town cemeteries, how long each day they are there and what they did – also should record burials – etc. It will help comply with regulations concerning record keeping, and was something that had been used by the Maintenance department in the past. Miller reported that she had previously seen the "Day" book but is not aware of where it is now.

Discussion of Flag policy was postponed.

The removal of dead trees was discussed. Patricia Wylde has offered to provide an arborist for a day. Miller can call her

A discussion of ornamental items on graves ensued. The Centre Annex has the most "unauthorized" articles. Danger to the maintenance workers is an issue as well as the cluttered items on the graves. B. Eckstrom suggested that Upper Cape Voke may have a work study program which would provide students an opportunity to work while earning credits. N. Miller suggested we look into cleaning items that are outside the allowed area for flowers/ ornamentation, putting them in totes or bags and storing them in the garage. Posting notices in the papers and at the cemeteries would also be necessary.

The commissioners discussed the articles to be presented at the Spring Town Meeting. These budget items had previously been discussed with David Menard, Maintenance Director


Repair of Gravestones	\$10,000
Garage Repair/ Voke Students	\$90,000
Office supplies	\$2,000
Agawam Survey	\$10,000
Work Study laborers	\$15,000
Materials	\$5,000
Adverts, signage, postage	\$5,000

Next meeting scheduled – March 30, 2014 4:00 PM Multi-service CTR, rm 225

Motion to adjourn (D. Rose) seconded (B. Eckstrom) approved 3-0-0  
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

These minutes originally completed by J. Whiteside. Corrected by Nan Miller

Nan Miller, Chairman

  
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