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### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015

Location: 54 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571 Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Commissioners:	Brenda Eckstrom	Present
	Nancy Miller	Present
	Deborah Jean Rose	Present
Liaison officer:	David Menard, Director	Present
	Deborah J. Berchtold, Administrative Assistant	Present
	Peter Teitlebaum, Selectman	Present

- The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

- Deeds signed:

Stacy Chismer	Centre Annex	Lot 260	Graves 1, 2, 7 & 8
Anthi Frangladis	Centre Annex	Lot 261	Graves 1 & 2
Rose Sauvageau	Agawam Annex	Lot 226	Graves 5 & 6
Russell Viera	Centre Annex	Lot 263	Graves 1 & 2
John Pina	Centre Annex	Lot 268	Graves 5 & 6
Robert Gardiner	Centre Annex	Lot 246	Grave 11
Carolann Hill, Domingo Ortiz	Centre Annex	Lot 268	Graves 9

- Discussed the town warrant to be presented at the Spring Town Meeting, April 27, 2015, regarding the purchase of land adjacent to the Agawam Cemetery which will be used to further expand the cemetery. Previous articles approved for cemetery uses (labor, repair of the Centre Cemetery) will be rescinded at the Annual Town Meeting and used for the purchase of the available land.
- Discussed using money from the sale of lots and graves which could be earmarked for cemetery repairs. Peter will discuss with Alan Slavin to see if there are available funds for consultations to be used towards the expansion of the cemetery and to see if there were any outside grants available.
- Foundation pad approved for Doherty, Agawam Annex, Lot 225 graves 7 & 8. The headstone is required to be centered and only future foot markers will be allowed on the lot.
- Motion to approve payment for the cemetery recorder purchased for WB Mason in the amount of \$74.28. 3-0-0.

...regarding the cemetery building located at the Centre Cemetery. Perhaps the

Commissioners could discuss with the Finance Committee to put aside monies for the repair of the Center Cemetery building. The building is considered an eye sore and the discussion continued on ways to improve the outside of the building by way of donations or volunteers (the inside can be done at a later date).

- There was a discussion regarding burials during inclement weather. There weren't any burials this past winter due to the severe snow storms the region had, and burials needed to be postponed. There are no rules and regulations pertaining to this situation, as it has never happened in the past. Municipal Maintenance will do everything in its power to conduct burials within a reasonable time frame. There were no complaints ever received by the Municipal Maintenance Department this winter regarding burials.
- Incorrect verbiage on the Deeds itself were corrected. A former copy of a deed used in the past, was proposed, but will be discussed at a later date.
- What rules and regulations are to be dispersed to new owners of burial lots. Would it be 2009 or the 1986 rules and regulations which were approved at Town Meeting in 1986? This will be discussed at a later date as well.
- The format of the cemetery information placed in the cemetery archives was discussed. Input needs to be more consistent and wondering how same sex marriages will be listed in the future (maiden name??) Scanning cemetery records is ongoing. All deeds, death certificates, cremation certificates and maps of the lots have been inserted into the computer. Although the public does not have access to this information, it has been preserved in case the original material is lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair. What about the ancient section? Nancy Miller has hand written records, but assistance would be needed to insert them into the computer.
- Foundation costs were discussed. Currently the rate is \$50.00 per square foot and it was suggested that the rate be increased. The town was informed that the rate per norm in other towns is between \$100.00 to \$125.00 per square foot. Should check with other towns to see what they are charging for a fee.
- Should Wareham residents who move out of town but wish to be buried in town with their loved ones have to pay more, as an out of town resident? What constitutes a resident? What about the snow birds who live in Florida for part of the year.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cemetery Commissioners

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