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Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2010

ATTENDING: John McCormick III, Peter Rotando, Aaron Goodale and Kevin McKee, Cemetery Superintendent.

- 1. Meeting opened at 4:35 p.m. by Chairman, John McCormick III.
- 2. Motion made by Jack M. and seconded by Peter R. to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2010 meeting. Unanimously approved.
- 3. Chairman read letter from Oakdale Cemetery Association stating:
 - a) The Oakdale Cemetery Association holds no liability to the Mt. Vernon Cemetery or the Town of West Boylston for the storage of cadavers to be interred at High Plains Cemetery when weather conditions dictate that burial is impossible, holding these agencies harmless of damage or destruction caused by outside forces such as, vandalism, theft, weather, fire, and/or other acts of Mother Nature.
 - b) The Oakdale Cemetery Association, at this time, does not wish to further pursue any incorporation of the Oakdale Cemetery Association, High Plains Cemetery with Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

Motion made by Peter R. and seconded by Jack M. to accept this letter and the contents within. Unanimously approved.

- 4. Aaron G. spoke with Town Clerk and her office requiring one copy of each deed and Town Clerk will waive the one-dollar fee. Motion made by Peter R. and seconded by Aaron G. to accept this policy from the Town Clerk. Unanimously approved.
- Aaron G. reported that he spoke with Mr. John Westerling, Superintendent West Boylston Department of Public Works, regarding plate in manhole as discussed in previous minutes. Mr. Westerling agreed to complete the task by this Fall. Motion made by Peter R. and seconded by Aaron G. to accept this motion as report of progress. Unanimously approved.
- 6. Aaron G. reported on the cost of a four-foot stockade fence around work area in new section of cemetery.

Due to cost, Board will only place corner posts as initially proposed. Motion made by Peter R. and seconded by Aaron G. to complete this item. Unanimously approved.

- 7. Aaron G. received a quote of \$1,200 to wash and apply paint on the chapel this Spring by Richard Blaise. Board will supply paint. Motion made by Jack M. and seconded by Aaron G. to pursue this work. Unanimously approved.
- 8. Board discussed the placement of three-foot Arborvitae along top slope of the new expansion area.

Motion made by Aaron G. and seconded by Peter R. not to pursue this issue due to cost at this time. Unanimously approved.

- 9. Motion made by Chairman Jack M. to continue with Winter burials, seconded by Aaron G. Unanimously approved.
- 10. Board received and reviewed cemetery Superintendent Monthly Report for September and October, 2010. Motion made by Aaron G. and seconded by Peter R. to accept these reports as submitted. Unanimously approved.
- 11. Board discussed replacement of three signs at the entrance of Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Motion made by Aaron G. and seconded by Jack M. to take under advisement at this time. Unanimously approved.
- 12. Board discussed complaint by M. Benoit, about cover to External Light that is missing at the grave.

Board agreed that our policy does not cover such issues under Perpetual Care. Motion made by Jack M. and seconded by Aaron G. not to take further action at this time. Unanimously approved.

- 13. Board discussed the purchase of a chemical/hazardous storage cabinet. Motion made by Jack M. and seconded by Peter R. to direct Cemetery Superintendent to search Craig's List to determine if such an item could be purchased for up to \$300. If this item can be found, direct Cemetery Superintendent is to purchase. Unanimously approved.
- 14. Aaron G. reported a grant from the Community Preservation Committee in the amount of \$13,000 for gravestone repair and preservation. Motion by Peter R. and seconded by Aaron G. to accept this grant with thanks. Unanimously approved.
- 15. Jack M. discussed the old headstones that are currently laying on the ground and directed Cemetery Superintendent to repair as soon as possible. Motion made by Peter R. and seconded by Aaron G. to pursue this order. Unanimously approved.
- 16. Motion made by Aaron G. and seconded by Peter R. to schedule next regular meeting on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Unanimously approved. Jack M. will post at Town Hall.
- 17. Motion made to adjourn by Peter R. and seconded by Aaron G. at 6:08 p.m.

Approves 1/24/2011 > 5:30pm Respectfully submitted,

Peter N. Rotando, Clerk

OAKDALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION C/O 26 HIGH STREET WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583 Tel: 508 835 3065 September 27,2010

Town of West Boylston Trustees, Mount Vernon Cemetery

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm the conversation I had with Mr John McCormack III regarding the occupation of cadavers for interment in High Plain Cemetery in Oakdale at Mount Vernon Cemetery's Chapel when winter weather conditions dictate that burial of same cadavers is impossible at High Plain Cemetery

We the trustees of High Plain Cemetery in Oakdale do appreciate the use of Mount Vernon's Chapel for storage of cadavers to be interred at High Plain Cemetery when weather dictates that burial is impossible. In that regard we the trustees of High Plain Cemetery do hold Mount Vernon Cemetery and the Town of West Boylston harmless for any damage or destruction caused by outside forces such as vandalism, theft, weather, fire and or other acts of mother nature.

Signed this 27th day of September 2010

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Richard M. Chapman President & Chairman of the Board of Trustees