

Minutes of Meeting – April 16, 2014 – 5:00 PM

Cemetery Commission

In attendance: Walter Atwood – Commissioner

Marilyn Bisiewicz – Commissioner

Robert Avery – Commissioner

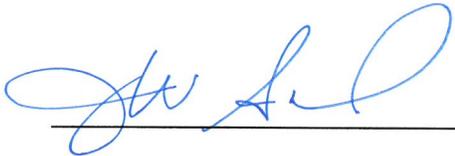
Steve Bannon – Commissioner

Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent

1. Meeting called to Order at 5:00 PM
2. Walter Atwood was elected Chair of the Cemetery Commission
3. Weatherbee Vault Discussion
 - a. Discussion of whether or not CPA can be used to repair the vault.
 - b. Commission asked for balance of lot sales and perpetual care funds
 - c. Current balance of lot sales as of 3/31/2014 is \$244,178.
 - d. Current balance of Perpetual Care interest is \$72,832.
 - e. Joe Sokul will update repair estimate and forward to Commission.
 - f. On a motion by Mr. Bannon and Seconded by Mr. Avery the Commission voted to expend up to \$30,000 for the repair on the vault and use perpetual care interest fund for repair. Vote 4-0
 - g. Joe Sokul will find out what approvals are necessary.
 - h. The Commission discussed that if the vault is repaired it may be the appropriate place for the interment of unclaimed remains in the funeral homes. It was also suggested that an interfaith service could be held if this was done.
4. Review of Current Fees for the Cemetery
 - a. The Commission reviewed the current fee structure and made the following recommendations for changes
 - b. On a motion by Ms. Bisiewicz and seconded by Mr. Bannon the commission recommends an increase in the residential lot rate from \$400.00 to \$450.00. Vote 4-0
 - c. On a motion by Mr. Bannon and seconded by Mr. Atwood the commission recommends an increase in the rate for Grave Opening for cremations from \$150.00 to \$200.00. Vote 4-0
 - d. On a motion by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Bannon the commission recommends the elimination of the rate for corner post installation. Corner post installations are typically performed by the monument companies. Vote 4-0

- e. On a motion by Mr. Bannon and seconded by Mr. Avery the Commission recommends a new rate of \$75.00 to use the spreading garden for cremations. Vote 4-0
 - f. The Commission discussed the definition of a "resident" for the purposes of purchasing lots. The Commission recommends the definition in "resident and those who pay taxes".
 - g. A review of the cemetery rules and regulations will be done and will include the definition of "resident"
5. Other Issues / Updates
- a. Mr. Atwood asked about the Ms. Abby Schroder land donation at the Stony Brook Cemetery.
 - b. Joe Sokul said the Town had approved this donation at the last Town Meeting and it was now up to Ms. Schroder to have the legal work completed for the donation.
 - c. Mr. Atwood was to follow up with Ms. Schroder.
 - d. The Commission recommends writing a letter to the Animal Control Officer and ask for additional enforcement of the dog lease law in the cemeteries.
 - e. The Commission also recommends contacting the local Rabbi and asking him/her to consecrate the land before expanding Ahavath Sholom.
6. On a motion by Mr. Bannon and seconded by Mr. Avery the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. Vote 4-0

Respectfully Submitted:



Joseph W. Sokul, DPW Superintendent