

MINUTES OF : Meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners

MEETING POSTED: YES

DATE: 10/28/2009 TIME: 2:00pm PLACE: Kennedy Service Bldg

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brewster Conant, Bill Klauer

ALSO PRESENT: Shawn O'Malley, Allura Overstreet, Barbara Walsh, Joan Bryant, Gay Rose, Charlie Aaronson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:00 pm

- Vote to accept the Minutes from 9/9/2009
- Gay Rose, owner of Lot s 119 & 121 (single graves) Section 7 Woodlawn, has complained about the view of the maintenance bldg from her lots and requests that the Commissioners come up with some money and a plan to plant something to hide the unsightly view, Shawn has researched some ornamental grasses. Commissioner Klauer feels that the ornamental grasses will not suffice for year round screening, he requests that we research other plantings that will hold up in the winter and against the ever growing deer population. Ms. Rose was advised that once they come up with another suggestion that they will call her for her opinion.
- Motion made – seconded – approved to appropriate funds for Christmas wreaths, same price as last year \$17.50 each for a total cost of \$245.00 from the appropriate trust funds. See attachment.
- Status of Lot Sale to Town – Dolan-Matzkin lots? The commissioners will not issue a check to buy back the lots until a request is made by the Executrix of the estate at which time a check will be made out to the Estate of Rita Dolan. Also the old deeds must be returned to the Cemetery Dept. for destruction.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I received a call from Ms. Joan M Bryant, daughter of Margaret M Kramer, about the deed to her mother's cemetery lot which was issued in error to the wrong persons. Section 8 Lot 2 Woodlawn was viewed for purchase by Margaret's daughter-in-law Betty Kramer in 1978. The bill for the lot was sent to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kramer for 2 years without payment. The bill was finally paid in 1981 by Ms. Margaret Kramer in the amount of \$1651.00 after which the deed was printed to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kramer. This is an error; it should have been deeded to Margaret Kramer. Copies of canceled checks are in the file, along with a request to make this change dated in 2006. Mrs. Bryant now has power of attorney for Margaret Kramer and requests that this change be processed and mailed to her. A copy of the power of attorney is also in the file. Mrs. Bryant is here today to answer any questions, seeing none, motion made – seconded – approved. A new deed was typed up and given in hand to Ms. Bryant today. The files, lot cards, excel spreadsheets, and appgeo were all changed to correct this error.

- Harriett Harty BAE Systems in Burlington wants to do some gravestone rubbings. Also requests permission from the Commissioners to do a paranormal investigation in Woodlawn with about 6 people. They are mostly interested in the path going up to the Chapel. The commissioners have no concerns, the request is approved.
- The play Our Town in the Woodlawn Cemetery October 31st and November 1st, 2009 will require no extra help from cemetery personnel.
- Meeting with Selectmen on November 2, 2009 at 8:15pm issues to bring to their attention include but are not limited to:

Storage issues, unsightly view from Sections 7 & 7A Woodlawn, the need for a 3rd commissioner, more signage for the dog issues, poor condition of the roads in the cemeteries, trust fund low performance, new section development in both cemeteries need water lines and engineering to help set the first pins.
- Mr. Macleod, Taylor Rd requesting a photo cover be replaced on his daughter Maureen's grave. Shawn spoke with Matt Harris on how to go about the replacement and it's cost. Matt Harris states his cost would be between \$100.00-\$150.00. Motion made – seconded – approved. The money will be taken out of the perpetual care fund. Shawn feels that we should include something in the Rules & Regulations in the future to prohibit this kind of ornamentation on a flush marker because of the potential for damage and expensive repairs.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR : 11/10/2009 2PM Kennedy Service Bldg.

Adjourned: 3:05 pm

XMAS Wreaths

FUND #	SECTION	STONE	CEMETERY	LOT	
7014	WATSON	Watson	Woodlawn	22 & 23	1
7017	HAYWARD	Hayward	Mt. Hope	101	1
7023	JENKS	Jenks, Porter	Mt. Hope	127	1
7023	JENKS	Jenks, Albert	Mt. Hope	126	1
7025	WATSON	Desmond	Woodlawn	13	1
7026	CLARK-MAC-LEE	Lee	Mt. Hope	544 & 545	1
7029	RAWITZER	Hatch	Woodlawn	139	1
7030	RAYMOND	Raymond crypt	Woodlawn	4	1
7032	TRIANGLE	Noyes/Hosmer	Woodlawn	2	1
7033	BIG BALL	Wetherbee	Woodlawn	13 & 14	1
7033	JOHNSON	Wetherbee	Woodlawn	2	1
7033	PHILLIPS	Putney	Woodlawn	1	1
7035	PARKER	Blanchard	Mt. Hope	201	1
7039	BIG BALL	Fletcher	Woodlawn	28	1

TOTAL 14

Allura Overstreet

From: Harty, Harriett (US SSA) [harriett.harty@baesystems.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 3:56 PM
To: Cemetery Department
Subject: Two requests for Board at October 14 meeting

Hello,

I have two requests for the Board to consider at their October 14th meeting:

Is grave stone rubbing allowable in Acton cemeteries? This would entail a professional grave rubbing kit and adherence to all considerations of careful treatment of stones and surrounding area. This would take place most likely on a Sunday (I and another person).

Would Woodlawn cemetery allow a "paranormal investigation" by serious, responsible hobbyists after dusk one evening? You may have heard of the popularity of this hobby in the past few years. Using handheld technical equipment, we spend a few hours taking readings of electromagnetic levels, recording electronic voice phenomenon, and using digital cameras to take pictures of supposed anomalies. This would entail a group of no more than 6 people. We don't walk on graves or sit on them. We'd be mostly interested in the rear of the cemetery on the path up to the chapel.

I grew up across the street from Woodlawn Cemetery on Concord Road. My parents still live there. I always enjoyed and respected Woodlawn. I'd be happy to supply any other information you may need.

Please let me know if you will allow either of these activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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