

## Cemetery Commission MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2009

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM by Chairman Upham.

Members present: Commissioners Richard De Moranville & Commissioner Bates.

Guests present: Jean Douillette, Author and Sarah McGrath, Middleboro Gazette.

Minutes of Meetings held on December 3, 2008 and January 14, 2009 were read, discussed and approved. The minutes were entered into the Towns Website.

### **Unfinished business:**

1. Cemetery signs. Commissioner Upham advised that the signs will soon be painted for Horr/DeMaranville and Clark. At the time that they will be erected the Middleboro Gazette will be notified to cover the event. Additional signs for Booth 1 and Booth 2 will be next for painting. It is anticipated that most all cemetery signs will be done by the end of 2009.
2. A short discussion was made regarding the Horr/Demaranville Cemetery previously owned by the old Grove Chapel Church, now the Lakeville Historical Commissions Building. The Cudworth Family was the caretakers of the cemetery. Concrete posts are to be donated for the front perimeter of the cemetery and will take place in summer. Steel rods to connect the posts need to be found.
3. Commissioner Bates related that he is placing loam on the center road of Precinct Cemetery and will be completed by April. Grave spaces will then be available for sale.

### **New Business:**

1. To do list for 2009. This issue will be carried over to the next meeting to allow the Commissioners time to reflect upon their individual desires and priorities.
2. Commissioner Bates will have a report on the budget meeting and the impact it may have upon highway personnel. He will present his findings and recommendations at the next meeting.
3. Commissioner Upham reminded the commissioners that the Cemetery Commission has total authority to invest the Perpetual Care Fund into any money making venue. This issue may be later addressed.

**Communications:** Read letter from Author Jean Douillette to the Cemetery Commission giving the Commission a copy of her newly released CD, Photographs of Lakeville Massachusetts Gravestones 1711-2003. Ms. Douillette personally presented this CD at this meeting and was thanked by all the Commissioners for her thoughtfulness. This CD will be retained in the files of the Cemetery Commission for reference.

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**Pay all Bills:**

A motion to pay all bills was made by Commissioner Bates and seconded by Commissioner Demoranville. Approved.

There being no further business a motion was made by Commissioner DeMoranville to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bates. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49PM.

Next meeting will be held on March 18, 2009 at the Town Hall Conference Room.