

Cemetery Commission MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2009

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

Members present: Commissioners Richard De Moranville & Commissioner Bates.

Guests present: Author Jean Douillette. Ms. Judith Manton-Tate

Minutes of Meetings held on February 11, 2009. The minutes were entered into the Towns Website.

Unfinished business:

1. Cemetery signs. Commissioner Upham again anticipated that the signs will be completed for Horr/DeMaranville and Clark cemetery by the end of the month. He would like to have a ceremony honoring the volunteers and have a reporter from the Middleboro Gazette to cover the event. Additional signs for Booth 1 and Booth 2 will be next for painting. The going is slow due to the extensive preparation needed for each sign. Accepted.
2. Commissioner Bates related that he is placing loam on the center road of Precinct Cemetery and will be completed by April. Accepted.

New Business:

1. To do list for 2009.

A: It was agreed upon to focus on completing the Precinct Cemetery. Commissioner Bates with the assistance of Commissioner DeMoranville will obtain loam from the recycling center placing it on the center road. Infested trees and bushes will be removed. Entrance barriers will be installed to the center road preventing vehicle use. Cemetery space will then be available for sale.

B: It was further agrees to solicit the donations of granite posts and steel pipes for the Clark Cemetery.

C: Ms. Judith Manton-Tate of Plymouth, MA. lot owner at the Horr/DeMaranville Cemetery appeared in behalf of Mr. Frank Cobb. Ms. Tate is considering giving to Mr. Cobb one of her burial spaces as his deceased wife is Ms. Tate's sister and is buried in the family lot. It was explained to Ms. Tate that her decision would be acceptable to the commissioners: however, a notarized letter by her would be required. Ms. Tate will take time to consider this issue. It was also noted on the town records that no perpetual care has been paid for this lot and that must be satisfied before any transfer could take place. Approved.

D: A request by Ms. Mary Burnham to give her brother Dennis Burnham Sr. three cemetery plots keeping three for herself. On presentation of a notarized letter authorizing this transfer it was approved. The perpetual care for the lot consisting of eight grave plots was never paid by her

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Mother, now deceased. Prior to any transfer the perpetual care must be paid. Ms. Burnham agreed. Approved

E: The commissioners discussed the perpetual care due for Ms. Tate and Ms. Burnham. Commissioner Bates with assistance will present a formula at the next meeting which will consider fairness in repaying these old debts. Town records revealed that unpaid balances were charged 4.25% annually. Some of these unpaid balances are dated 1974 and later. Once a formula has been made and approved lot owners with debt will be notified in writing. Approved.

Communications: Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Leo Bourque of Betty's Neck and pertaining to her knowledge of the Smith Brothers Stones was read. It was very informative and a reply thanking them would be sent.

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, 2nd by Commissioner Bates. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57PM.

Next meeting will be held on April 8, 2009 at the Town Hall Conference Room.