

Cemetery Commission MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2010

Meeting called to order at 4:07PM by Chairman Upham.

Members present: Commissioners DeMoranville and Douillette.

Guests present: None

Minutes of Meeting held on April 14, 2010 were read and approved. The minutes will be entered into the Towns Records and Website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Upham related that he held a telephone conversation with Mr. Barber who stated that he would comply with his letter of July 14, 2007 regarding the security and protection of the cemetery. At this time Mr. Barber has not sold any lots and would not do anything until he is able to build upon his lot. As Mr. Barber owns this land and the cemetery is his responsibility the commission will maintain contact with Mr. Barber to insure that the cemetery is protected in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws governing cemeteries. Approved.
2. Precinct Cemetery's progress was discussed. The new road is in and fill has to be added to the sides of the road to protect grave spaces. Chris Peck will do that and it is on his agenda. Commissioner Upham stated that a donation of a flag pole and flag was made and could be erected in the center of the newly identified middle space. Commissioner's DeMoranville and Douillette requested this matter be tabled until a review of issues could be addressed and completed. Approved.
3. Commissioner Douillette offered new cemetery assignments for each commissioner. It would be a valuable aid to keep track of each cemetery and to identify problem areas that needed to be corrected. Each commissioner will report monthly on their individual visits. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Upham related that he spoke with Mr. Joseph Chamberlain regarding the donation of a parcel of land on Highland Road to the Town of Lakeville for use as a cremation cemetery. Mr. Chamberlain offered to donate the land in 2008. In the telephone conversation Mr. Chamberland stated that he was unsure what his intentions are now and may use the property for himself. This matter is tabled. Approved.
2. Commissioner Douillette presented a list of issues that needed to be addressed at numerous cemeteries, ie: signs needing painting, or constructed, headstones broken, leaning to much or lying on the ground, fence missing or connected rods to posts broken or missing. As the list is voluminous it was decided that each commissioner would look at their assigned cemeteries and at the next scheduled meeting a work list would be compiled. Approved.

3. Commissioner Upham stated that he would present a list of the town owned cemeteries at the next scheduled meeting. Concentration of the town's manpower should be directed first to these cemeteries for repair and maintenance. Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of Judith C. Manton was read. Mrs. Manton is the owner of Lot#4, Section B, consisting of 8 grave plots at the Horr/DeMoranville Cemetery. In her letter she stipulated her wishes of assigning grave spaces to herself and daughters upon her death. She requested that her witnessed letter be entered into the town records. Approved.
2. Mr. Leon N. Caron the owner of Lot#9, Section A, consisting of 4 plots at Precinct Cemetery requested information regarding burial prices. His father and mother occupy plots 1 & 2. Mr. Caron's wife has passed away and he is in possession of her ashes. Mr. Caron is very ill and contemplates his death soon. He wishes to be buried along with his wife's ashes on top of his mother and father's grave. Commissioner Upham will send a letter to Mr. Caron expressing our support in his last wishes and to offer him free burial if he donates the remaining plots 3 & 4 back to the town. A cemetery price schedule will also accompany the letter. Approved.

Pay all Bills: Motion by Commissioner DeMoranville, 2nd and approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:40pm