

Cemetery Commission MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2009

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

Members present: Commissioners Richard De Moranville.

Guests present: Reporter Sarah McGrath, Middleboro Gazette and Mr. Chris Peck.

Minutes of Meeting held on April 8, were read and approved. The minutes were entered into the Towns Website.

Upon the motion of Commissioner DeMoranville: seconded and approved, Commissioner Upham will remain as Chairman of the Cemetery Commission.

Unfinished business:

A: A re-payment Formula is still being worked on. Commissioner Bates will report on it at the next meeting. Approved.

New Business:

A: Chris Peck presented his views and estimates of what it presently costs to maintain the cemeteries. The total costs of \$30,000.00 includes labor, equipment, repair parts and miscellaneous. Additionally, a bid was received from Nicholas Horticulture Co. This issue will be carried over to the next meeting for discussion and to await any additional submissions of bids from private contractors. Approved.

B: There are 20 violations at Precinct Cemetery which include curbing, bushes, trees and ornaments hanging from Sheppard Hooks. Commissioner Upham proposed waiting after Memorial Day to notify offenders. Commissioner DeMoranville 2nd approved.

C: A brief discussion was conducted regarding Mr. Rudy Rose and his desire to rectify the problem with his grave spaces. Commissioner DeMoranville motioned to table this issue for the next meeting. 2nd and approved.

D: Commissioner Upham related that South East Fence Company donated 4 brackets and 2 twelve foot long planks to close the centering opening of the fence at Precinct Cemetery. Chris Peck will remove the temporary barriers. He will have large stones placed at the opposite end of the middle road preventing any vehicles entering there. This will be done by Memorial Day.

E: Pond Cemetery has an infestation of bees which is a public health hazard. Mr. Peck stated it is very dangerous to go into the cemetery as they are so many of them and they are large. Commissioner DeMoranville recommended bids be obtained for extermination. 2nd and approved. Also at Pond

Cemetery there is a hole at the side of the crypt that needs to be filled in. Commissioner Upham will inspect and report his findings at the next meeting.

F: Commissioner DeMoranville reported that he had a few complaints of American flags being taking from graves by person/s/ unknown and it caused distress to the family. Commissioner Upham will attempt to obtain flags to be used for replacements when needed. Approved.

Communications:

1. Bid, Nicholas Horticulture Company.

Pay all Bills: A motion to pay all bills was made by Commissioner Demoranville. Approved.

There being no further business a motion was made by Commissioner DeMoranville to adjourn, 2nd, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46PM.

Next meeting will be held on June 10, 2009 at the Town Hall Conference Room.