

MINUTES

PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

MAY 7, 2015

Present: Richard Olson, Chairman, Greg Howe, Jim Cox Susan Avellar
and Jack Kiefer.

Absent: None.

The Meeting convened at 2:00pm.

1. Minutes: the minutes for the April 2, 2015 meeting were approved.
2. Cemetery Plot Sales: Doug Johnstone presented one sale of a single lot, and it was approved.

Mr. Johnstone then raised an issue that occurred earlier in the week with an individual who had purchased a lot in the cemetery in 2004 from a member of the public who initially purchased the lot from the Town in 1998, in violation of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations that stipulates that lot holders cannot re-sell their lots to others, and another issue in that the new lot holder claimed the previously cremated remains in 1998 were later disinterred and moved to New York, although we have no records of a disinterment and our records indicate the individual is still buried in the lot in Provincetown.

The Cemetery Commission decided to take no action on the issue of reselling of the lot, but placed the responsibility on the new lot owner to present additional documentation from the parties to the sale and to trace the status of the cremated remains at issue. Once resolved Doug will bring back a Transfer Deed to the Cemetery Commission for signature authorizing the transfer of the lot in question.

3. Winthrop Street Restoration Project: Michelle Jarusiewicz, Grant Administrator, reported that the next step is to hold a public forum for RDLA to present its alternative proposals to our Commission, the Steering Committee and the public, including the abutters. We agreed to schedule such forum for June 2 at 2:00pm in the VMCC, then to adjourn to a site visit. Notices are to be in the press and sent to abutters and specifically interested organizations.

Damages to the granite post and metal tubing fences on both Winthrop and Court Street were discussed. The DPW acknowledges some responsibility by its snow plowing and dis-avows some other. The Chairman has discussed this with Tony Lemme and with DPW's Erik Larsen, who will get back to us about what they can and will do. The possibility exists that we will need to divert some funds from the CPC

grant or even make an out of cycle grant application for funds that could be approved at a fall ?Special Town Meeting.

4. Smallpox Memorial : The Chairman reported what most of us witnessed, and have all seen generously reported in the press, that the dedication was great success, with a feeling that an old wrong has been righted
5. Gifford and Hamilton Cemeteries: Annual Town Meeting has approved our \$60,000 CPC grant and Michelle will begin the statutory bidding process for the preservation work.
6. Alden Street Cemetery, Old Section: Our question is that of financing the \$12,500 which MCC estimates is necessary for a needs assessment for preservation of fallen, broken and at-risk stones. Turns out that there may not be the \$11,000 or so remaining from the \$26,000 Town Meeting appropriation for power-line re-routing by our Alden Street expansion, \$6,000 or so having been re-directed for up-grade of the Town's website relating to the Cemetery.
7. Alden Street, New Section: Nothing to discuss.
8. Cremated Remains Area: Doug Johnstone reported that the trees to create the barrier from the DPW facility are on order and he will contact the supplier for a delivery date.
9. Cemetery Finances: Nothing to report.
10. Membership: We still need one member. (Subsequent development: Young Christopher Brooke has expressed a strong interest and may file an application.)
11. Brochure: (Subsequent to the meeting, a luncheon gathering of interested individuals at Napi's yielded the warmly welcome agreement of Amy Whorf Mc Guiggan to act as Editor-in-Chief for this project.
12. Other Business: Mr. Kiefer and Ms. Avellar brought up the subject of soft spots, sinkholes and the like that create risks to the public and the need for "beware-walk at own risk" signage. We will urge Tony Lemme to get DPW to produce such signage.
13. Next Meeting: Set for June 4, at the VMCC

The meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard B. Olson,
Chairman and Secretary pro tem.