

MINUTES
PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1, 2015

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Doug Johnstone, Town Clerk.

The meeting convened at 2:00pm.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the September 3, 2015 meeting were approved.
2. Cemetery Plot Sales: Doug Johnstone presented one sale of a single lot, and two sales of cremation lots, which were approved.
3. Winthrop Street Cemetery Restoration, Phases 3, 4 and 5: The Chairman reported that Michelle Jarusiewicz has told him that she is working to obtain the necessary State permits, after which, with in-put from RDLA, the project can be put out to bid.

(As to the winter-damaged post and pipe railings along Winthrop Street, the attached e-mail exchange between Michelle and DPW's Rich Waldo tells us that the DPW will pay for the repair.)

The Commission discussed placing flags on poles at each appropriate post along Winthrop and Court Streets to warn away DPW snow plows and scoopers. To be discussed with DPW.

4. Gifford and Hamilton Cemeteries: The Chairman reported that Michelle Jarusiewicz is still working on the bidding process, having been much occupied with our Winthrop Street project.
5. Alden Street Cemetery, Old Section: (The CPC application deadline for grants for next fiscal year has now been announced as being December 17, 2015). MCC is working on the needs assessment to form the basis for this application.
6. Alden Street New Sections: Nothing new to report.

7. Cemetery Finances: The latest monthly report summary, as of 9/30/15, is enclosed with these minutes.
8. Brochure Project: Amy Whorf McGuiggan's masterful text has been circulated to members of the Commission, as well as to the editing panel. Everyone's comments and suggestions are welcome.
9. Ghost Tours: Kurt Reynolds reported that he plans to go with one on October 10, and will report to us on how these are conducted.

In the related matter of after-dark activities in our cemeteries, the Commission voted to add to the regulation adopted at our last meeting the sentence "Pedestrian access is prohibited between one half hour, after sunset and the following sunrise." Doug Johnstone will put this before the Board of Selectmen for their approval.

10. Other Business: The Chairman suggested that we might also consider adding a regulation regarding gravestone rubbing, which is increasingly seen as harmful by preservationists. Doug Johnstone volunteered to check on some other town's provisions. (results attached to these minutes)

Kurt Reynolds raised the problem of cars and trucks speeding on Cemetery Road, where any accident has the potential for seriously damaging stones on either side. Signage of speed limit? Twenty mph? Stop signs? Observance and enforcement? Consider speed bumps? Deadline for the annual Traffic Hearing is October 7, and Kurt undertook to follow up.

11. Next Meeting: Set for Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 2:00pm. at the VMCC.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Olson

Chairman and Secretary pro tem.