

PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING: October 3, 2018

MINUTES

Call to Order: 3PM

Members in attendance: Michael Harpie, Dawn Walsh, Susan Avellar

Excused: Lynn Martin

1. Minutes of September 12, 2018: Moved to approve as presented, D. Walsh, 2nd S. Avellar, Vote: 3 0 0
2. Cemetery Plot Sales: none
3. Winthrop St. Cemetery Maintenance: L. Martin will address a letter to DPW requesting that maintenance at the Winthrop St. Cemetery be done twice per year. Brian Cowing of the DPW has repaired the damaged fence that occurred during last winter's plowing. Although the cemetery is being mowed, there is not access to all stones. Signage is still waiting to be installed. \$2,500 was withheld from the previous contractor performance.
4. Gifford Hamilton Progress: The stones are now being repaired, restored, and reset.
5. Alden Old: A new grant is now pending. There are granite posts that need to be reset. Also, the encroaching vines over and around the tombs need to be removed.
6. Alden New: N/A
7. Finances: Gift Fund-\$426.61, Plot Sales-\$44,972.69, Perpetual Care-\$276,500, Perpetual Expendable Fund-\$11,691.84
8. Gift Fund: There seems to be some interest in having events in the cemeteries. If the Commission agrees, should there be an application and what fee could be charged. M. Harpie will discuss this with the Town Manager and report back to the Commission.
9. New Business: D. Walsh initiated a discussion regarding 'green burials'. Currently this type of burial is not permitted in Provincetown. D. Walsh will investigate having a group come to address this before the Commission.
10. Next Meeting: November 7, 2018 at 3PM

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Avellar