

MINUTES: MEETING OF THE PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION.9/1/09

COMMUNITY CENTER, 44 BRADFORD STREET, PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657

Members Present: Richard Olson (Chair), Gregory Howe, Mark Collins

Members Absent: Astrid Berg, Dwayne Prickett

Guest: Richard Keating

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:15.
2. Olson moved to accept minutes, Howe seconded, as amended, unanimous vote to accept.
3. Olson opened public hearing on proposed revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations. No comment from public. Collins moved to close, seconded by Howe, unanimous vote to close public hearing.
4. Discussion re: Status of Perpetual care fund: Discussion of Merrill Lynch June 30-July 31, 09 Statement. Olson will request Town Treasurer to inform Commission what sums have been added to the perpetual care fund, and how much investment income, if any, has accumulated apart from what is recorded on Merrill Lynch Statement.
5. Discussion re: Winthrop Street Cemetery (WSC): Comments by Richard Keating. Four volunteers contacted him after publication of Banner article on WSC. Straightening of stones will be costly. Initial clearing of good portion of hill is complete. Olson will contact Historic Commission for their input. Howe suggested Commission ascertain what help is available from Town Department of Public Works—hoist might be available. Morning Coffee on hold.
6. Discussion re: Capital Needs: Olson has not received response to or acknowledgement of his letter to Town Manager regarding capital needs. Olson will ask Sandy Turner for cost estimate on surveying/preparing remaining acreage. Need to have estimates in time for November Town Meeting. Howe asked if special meeting might be needed to vote on adding request for funds to Warrant for November Town Meeting. Olson will inform Commission members if this is necessary.
7. Discussion re Moratorium on Sale of Plots: Only 5 single and 3 double lots available. Howe moved for moratorium on sale of plots unless connected to imminent internment. Seconded by Collins. Passed unanimously.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 PM
9. Next meeting is scheduled for Oct 5th at 2 PM in the Yellow Room of the Community Center.

