

Minutes, Meeting of the Provincetown Cemetery Commission, 8/3/09
Community Center, 44 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657

Members present:

Richard Olson, Chair

Astrid Berg

Gregory Howe

Mark Collins

Absent: Dwayne Prickett

Guest: Richard Keating

Meeting was called to Order by the Chair at 2:10pm

Minutes: Howe moved to accept the Minutes of June 1, 2009 – accepted as amended – spelling of Mr. Guertin's name.

Discussion of Proposed Cemetery Rules & Regulations: the Chair reported that the Superintendent was concerned about the change from one year to two years for eligibility for burial, any time past or present. The Chair reassured him. [There are 7 doubles and 25 single graves left]. Howe pointed out that all singles could be dug as double-depth.

Cemetery expansion: We will wait for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting to ask for authorization to finish and survey the last 3.5 acres of the Cemetery.

Richard Keating: Keating submitted a detailed report of his activities as a volunteer at the Winthrop St. Cemetery, together with suggestions for the future. With assistance from the Historic Commission he hopes to recruit a group of Friends of the Winthrop St. Cemetery, to help with the on-going work, and raise funds.

Perpetual Care Trust Fund: the Chair provided a summary of the May/June Reports from Merrill-Lynch. Income was \$850.00, for a principle amount +_ \$200,000.00. N.B. we had agreed to start with a negative balance expendable accumulated earnings of {\$4400}. Once this 'deficit' is made up, further accumulated earnings will be available for expenditure.

Capital needs: We had discussed the finishing of the Cemetery, and the Chair addressed the concerns about the lifting device in a letter to the Town Manager.

Columbarium: It was also agreed that the siting of a Columbarium should be part of the survey work to be done.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tues., Sept. 1, 2:00pm in the Yellow Room of the Community Center.