

Minutes, Cemetery Commission meeting, October 5, 2009

Present: R. Olson, Chair, M. Collins, G. Howe

Absent: A. Berg, D. Prickett

Also present: Dick Keating

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:01 pm.

The Minutes of Sept. 1, 2009 were approved, as previously amended.

Question of status of the Revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations as approved by the Selectmen at the joint meeting of Sept. 29 – the Chair had been assured that the text would be republished, automatically, by the Town Clerk.

Status of Perpetual Care Trust Fund – the Town Manager and the Director of Municipal Finance will be with us at our November meeting.

Winthrop St. Cemetery – Dick Keating gave his penultimate report. He is moving to Middlebury, Vt. , in the middle of next month. At the moment, there is no continuity of volunteers, and we will have to try to recruit some. At this point, most of the interior brush in the historic area has been cleared, but will grow back, unless treated with herbicides. Keating reported that T. Lemme has promised some work from his staff to clean out the heavy brush on the slopes on either side of the area of graves. A conversation followed, noting the necessity of specialized tools.

Keating also reported: leaning grave markers cannot be straightened with the tripod in the possession of the Cemetery Superintendent, and that a former resident of Provincetown, now resident in S. California, has sent him a detailed map of the Winthrop St. Cemetery, which he will turn over to the Commission after meeting with the gentleman next month.

Collins moved, and Howe seconded, a resolution to instruct the Secretary to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Keating, at his Seashore Point address before he leaves on Nov. 15.

Olson noted that he will circulate a draft for a Standing Vote to formally recognize Mr. Lemme, as Cemetery Superintendent, and representative of the Commission for all usual and regular work.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm

Submitted by G. Howe, for D. Prickett.

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