

Cemetery Meeting Minutes  
Provincetown Cemetery Commission  
Dec. 14, 2009  
Provincetown Community Center  
All Members Present  
Town Manager Sharon Lynn in attendance.

Meeting called to order @ 2:01 pm.

Mr. Olson began the meeting by calling attention to a memo he submitted asking for copies of past and present audits of accounts. He then asked Ms. Lynn for monthly statements of the Perpetual Care Fund together with accumulated monies. Those amounts should be available to the commission

Ms. Lynn recommended that she, Alix Heilala meet with Mr. Olson to get to the bottom of all the numbers. A meeting of the entire commission and the Town Manager was slated for January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Town Hall trailers.

Mr. Olson then stressed the need for further transparency with regards to all Commission funds in the future.

Other business...

Mr. Howe suggested that there may have been an engineering study done already by Mr. Rogers concerning the area to be cleared for enlarging the present cemetery. Ms. Lynn said she would look into it.

On another note concerning total funds, Mr. Olson pointed out that there is a discrepancy between the receipts he obtained from Mr. Lemme and what the numbers seem to be adding up to. Ms. Lynn said she would indeed have more information on that at the scheduled January 5 meeting.

Mr. Collins asked that in the future the commission be notified in cases such as the surprise expenditure of the \$2500.00 for the Toad Study on the new cemetery area.

Ms. Lynn apologized to the Commission for the lack of communication and assured them that it would not happen again.

A discussion ensued concerning the mechanism for communications with the commission in events such as the Toad Study situation. Ms. Lynn said that generally she preferred to go directly to members of any commission and failure to inform the Cemetery Commission was merely a glitch.

Ms. Lynn informed the commission that the engineering for the new land for the cemetery can proceed without waiting for the biologist to do the Toad Study. She informed the Commission that the DPW costs for the new part of the cemetery, including hours and materials, is \$13, 620.00

There was a brief discussion of whether the environmental Toad Study could possibly derail the much needed expansion of the cemetery. It was agreed that it likely would not since the toad is not "endangered."

Ms. Lynn said the work will proceed immediately.

Ms. Berg said that she knew that a Mr. Alves had prepared plans some years ago for expanding the

cemetery and Mr. Howe said that if the study was done, it was likely done prior to 1960.

There was a brief discussion about the recently discovered “Craig’s List” Provincetown Cemetery Plot for sale for \$500.00 on the internet. This is a violation of Cemetery Rules and Regulations. The members suggested that if indeed there is a plot out there for sale the commission should consider buying it back as the plot is non-transferable.

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. Prickett had submitted a letter saying he would not be seeking reappointment for the next year and that he was resigning his commission.

Member agreed that Mr. Tom Myer will be asked to join the Commission as he is an abutter to the Winthrop St. Cemetery. Mr. Sebastian Arango will be asked to be a Commission Alternate.

Meeting Adjourns @ 3:03pm

Submitted by:

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