

# MINUTES

## PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

MARCH 3, 2014

Present: Richard Olson, Chairman, Greg Howe, Ann Wood, and Jim Cox.

Absent: Charles Westcott and Mark Collins.

Also Attending: Doug Johnstone, Town Clerk.

1. Minutes: The minutes for the February 3, 2014 meeting were approved, with the corrections indicated.
2. Approval of Cemetery Plot Sales: Our Town Clerk presented one sale of a double lot to be approved, as it was.
3. Alden Street Old Section, Hamilton and Gifford: The MCC Contract for \$4,950 to study and make recommendations, with cost estimates, for the Gifford Cemetery needed preservation work was approved and signed. The cost to be paid from the Expendable Portion of the Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

Mr. Lemme, Cemetery Superintendent, was not able to be with us to discuss railings, no parking signage, or access from Off Cemetery Road.

4. Columbarium Section: The Banner article of 2/27/14 entitled "Space Shortage Plagues Cemetery and DPW" was duly noted.

Our goal of shielding the columbarium area from the DPW garage, parking, sand pile and activities is stymied by the Town's on-going issue of DPW relocation. Doug Johnstone reported that he has had conversation with Rick Waldo of DPW. We have no conflict, only a common problem to be addressed. At Ann Wood's motion, it was voted to invite Rick Waldo to our May 5 meeting for discussion and ask to join the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on May 27. Our plans for planting trees as a shield is therefore on hold, since removal of the DPW presence from that median strip would open up more space for the placement of cremated remains.

5. Winthrop Street Cemetery Restoration Project: Doug Johnstone reported for Michelle Jarusiewicz that the RFP for design work for Phases 3 and 4 is on the verge of send out. Mr. Olson noted that the CPC has approved our \$30,000 application for Phase 5, now to be presented with their requests at Annual Town Meeting.

6. Cemetery Finances: The latest report, as of February 28, 2014, from the Director of Municipal Finance, was circulated.
7. Doggy Bag Questions: Ann Wood reported that these were under discussion between DPW and CASAS.
8. Standish Street Footpath Problem: Discussion deferred in the absence of Tony Lemme.
9. Regulation regarding lot purchase eligibility: Doug Johnstone submitted a draft change (copy attached) responsive to the concerns of the part-time resident tax payers. Noted that it also retains discretion by the Commission for special instances, such as a noted author of Provincetown reminiscences whose family rented here during her growing-up years. The amended regulation will be submitted to the Selectmen for their approval.
10. Other Business: It was noted that the above-ground interment which we have previously approved appears still to be a work in progress. Doug Johnstone undertook to check on the status.

The Loan Agreement with the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum for the Small Family Memorial Stone Marker (copy attached) was approved.

The date of the next meeting was set for May 5, 2014.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard B. Olson,  
Chairman, and Secretary pro tem.