

MINUTES
PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION
MARCH 2, 2017

Present: Richard Olson (Chairman), Jack Kiefer, Mike Harpie and Susan Avellar.

Absent: Kurt Reynolds and Ruth Anne Cowing.

Also Present: Tom Steele, representing The American Legion and Tom Osowski of
The VFW, plus, Town Clerk Doug Johnstone.

The meeting convened at 3:00pm.

1. Minutes: The minutes for the February 2, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. Cemetery Plot Sales: Doug Johnstone presented sales of two single cremation lots, one single burial lot and one double burial lot, and the re-purchase of one single burial lot, all of which were approved.

10. VFW Request re Flagpole at Winthrop Street Cemetery: (out of sequence.)
Mr. Tom Steele made a further presentation regarding placement of a pole for the display of the American flag at Winthrop Street Cemetery, given the burials there of at least seven veterans of the American Revolution and five veterans of the Civil War. He has done further consultations resulting in DAR approvals for the proposed plaque. Mike Harpie reported that he has gotten information and pricing regarding the pole. Fiberglass looks to be the best material for the pole, not over 20' in height and not requiring internal halyards. Best location appears to be at the point where Winthrop and Court Streets meet. There are a couple of flagpoles at the VFW site being turned over to the Town, and Mr. Steele suggested that we might request one of them for this project. At his suggestion, we also agreed that we should ask Amy Whorf McGuiggan, with whom he has been consulting on all of this, to draft the proposed text for the plaque. Mike Harpie will discuss our acquiring a flagpole with the Town Manager.

3. Winthrop Street Restoration Project: The Chairman reported that he has been attempting to contact Eric Larsen at the DPW concerning the Spring re-start of this work and as-soon-as-possible elimination of the mess surrounding our treasured Smallpox Memorial. Susan Avellar and Mike Harpie volunteered to initiate consultation with DPW leadership and organize a meeting to go over the ground.
4. Gifford and Hamilton Cemeteries: The Chairman could only report that he has tried to contact our Grant Administrator about putting this monument conservation project out to bid as Spring approaches.
5. Alden Street Old Section: Same as with item 4.
6. Alden Street New Section(s): No current issues.
7. Cemetery Finances: The Town Finance Director's report as of 1/31/17 was circulated for review.
8. Brochure Project: The Chairman proudly displayed a near-final print-out (the only copy we have in hand). Discussion of further funding for printing from the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Commission, PM &PM, PAAM, etc. with suggestion they be provided with copies at \$1.00 apiece and be permitted to sell them for \$2.00 apiece.
9. Funeral Home Request: Postponed.
10. (Taken out of sequence at start of meeting.)
11. Other Business: None,
12. Next Meeting: Set for Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 3:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Olson (Chairman)

