

MINUTES  
PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>. 2017

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

Absent: Kurt Reynolds and Ruth Anne Cowing.

Also Present: Doug Johnstone, Town Clerk.

The meeting convened at 3:05pm.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup>. 2017 meeting were approved.
2. Cemetery Plot Sales: Doug Johnstone presented the sale of a single cremation lot, which was approved. Also approved was a transaction involving the disinterment and re-burial of the remains of Peter Karl, which, after giving credit for an earlier over-charge and a buy-back of lots C89 and C90, resulted in a charge of \$75. Finally, Doug reported that there are three lots owned by Lauren Richmond for her family, which lots somehow are also shown as owned by Warren Alexander. Doug will undertake to work out a re-arrangement with Mr. Alexander since the lots were already occupied by the Richmond family prior to Mr. Alexander's purchase of the same lots in 2002.

Susan Avellar expressed the Commission's great gratitude to Doug Johnstone for all his hard work and diligence in attending to Cemetery matters.

3. Winthrop Street Restoration Project: Mike Harpie reported that we need to have an on-site meeting with the DPW, RDLA – our landscape architects, D'Ambrosia – the contactor and someone from VFW, who have some concerns. Among the problems is the not too neatly (and never authorized by us) turn-around of the Smallpox Memorial to face the (never authorized by

us) re-located main pathway. We ourselves will have a special meeting on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15pm at the Smallpox Memorial.

4. Gifford and Hamilton Cemeteries: The Chairman disappointedly reported that no progress has been made in putting this project (CPC funded for \$60,000) out to bid – and yet hope springs eternal!

Susan Avellar drew attention to the fact that snow fencing needs to be replaced and extended along Cemetery Road at the Hamilton Cemetery, in an effort to discourage pedestrian short cutting through, Tony Lemme is aware of the problem, and the Chairman will call him about it.

5. Alden Street Cemetery, Old Section: No progress to report on putting the CPC-funded projects (totaling \$91,000) out to bid.
6. Alden Street Cemetery, New Sections: No current issues.
7. Cemetery Finances: No new monthly statement yet available.
8. Brochure: Reported that we are still \$700 shy of paying the printer's bill, but the Chairman is persisting in his fund-raising campaign.
9. Funeral Home Requests: Subject not to be pursued at this time.
10. VFW Request re. Flagpoles: Mike Harpie reported that this project is underway, being handled between DPW and the VFW, with no appearance by the Cemetery Commission being needed on May 8 at the Selectmen's meeting.

11. Election of Officers: On motions duly made and seconded, Richard Olson was re-elected as Chairman and Mike Harpie was elected as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Olson will carry on as Secretary pro tem.
12. Other Business: Jack Kiefer suggested that there are expanses of Cemetery grounds that could do with some grass seeding, and it was also suggested that some flowering shrubs might enhance the entrances to the Winthrop Street Cemetery.
13. Next Meeting: Set for Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> , 2017 at 3:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Olson, Chairman.