

Provincetown Cemetery Commission
Public Meeting
April 17, 2019
Minutes

Call to Order: 3:00pm

In Attendance: Sharon Bunn, Michael Harpie, Lynne Martin, Dawn Walsh

Excused Absence: Susan Avellar

1. Minutes of March 7, 2019: Motion by Michael to approve as written. 2nd by Lynne.

Vote: 3 0 0

2. Cemetery Plot Sales: 1 lot approved

3. Finances: Gift fund increase of \$65 from donations at Year Rounder's Festival. Expendable Perpetual Care Fund up several thousand dollars as result of investments.

4. New Member: Motion by Lynne to accept application of Sharon Bunn. 2nd by Michael Harpie.

Vote: 3 0 0

5. Winthrop Street Cemetery: Amy McGiffin of Daughters of the American Revolution requests permission to place marker at grave site of Seth Nickerson who has been documented as serving Provincetown during the Revolutionary War. Motion by Lynne to approve request. 2nd by Dawn.

Vote: 4 0 0

6. Winthrop Street Cemetery: Six to eight AmeriCorps Vista Volunteers have been assigned to help clear debris on Tuesday, May 22, 2019. DPW staff and Lynne will be on-site to provide oversight.

7. Gifford and Hamilton Cemetery: Amy McGiffin of Daughters of the American Revolution requests permission to place bronze marker at base of monument of Timothy Parker Johnson who has been documented as serving Provincetown during the War of 1812. Motion by Lynne to approve request. 2nd by Dawn.

Vote: 4 0 0

8. Gifford and Hamilton Cemetery: Michael and Susan took photos are areas in need of care and/or repair by DPW. Discussion of applying in September 2019 for a grant from the Committee Preservation Act to cover costs of upkeep and repairs as documented. No vote or action taken.

9. Cemetery Rules and Regulations: Review of proposed policy changes re Green Burial, Schedule of Fees and general updates to the policies. Michael reported on schedule of fees from Wellfleet Town Cemetery, which is similar to Provincetown. Michael proposed raising fees. No vote or action taken. Commission members will continue to review proposed policy changes on own and will vote at next meeting. Also, it was noted that, as per Town Counsel, policy changes will need to go before Town Meeting.

10. Next Meeting: May 8, 2019 at 3:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Walsh