

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes Final
Thursday, August 8, 2019 3:00pm
Chilmark Town Hall 401 Middle Rd, Conference Room #1

Those in attendance:

Sally Cook, Laurisa Rich, Judie Flanders, Susan Murphy & Jenny Christy
(for mapping progress)

Meeting called to order at 3:02

A. Minutes from June 23, 2019 - approved as written, save 1 typo

B. Superintendent Report -

- 1. Tom Dresser**, Island historian, responded in writing to Susan's inquiry on willingness to offer a Chilmark Cemetery walking tour. He is interested and would need plot plan and names of those buried. We discussed the pros and cons of eliciting a commercial enterprise in the cemetery. Judie will look into Town regulations governing this.
- 2. Marlan Sigelman**, Events Coordinator of Chilmark Library, requested information (i.e. location) on members of the deaf community buried at Abel's Hill, specifically Eva West Look. We agreed to offer her map of those buried in the Old Section when it is available.
- 3. Alan Gowell** can attend our next meeting, Sept 19th to offer insight and information on new layout ideas of new section. He advised that the standard distance from road to plot 100 ft. (Ours is 10 ft.) Susan proposed we tighten up plots and install a horseshoe shaped road instead of numerous lanes.

C. Summary of July 11, 2019 Cemetery Walk - agenda.

7 attended - Sally, Judie, Laurisa, Warren Doty, Peter Cook, John Flenders, Tim Rich. We did a walk around while discussing cemetery upkeep, future planning, shed, rain barrel, tree removal. John explained the layout of new section.

D. Mapping Work - Jenny presented her revised map of Cemetery's Section 4, based on John's extensive work creating an easily updatable

map and database which can sort for qualifying property and property owner. Also includes who, if anyone, is buried in the purchased plot. She has identified 2 families with 2 lots each. We discussed specific status of vacant lots.

E. Continuing Discussion of revisions/additions to Cemetery Regulations and Policies - Each commissioner presented background info and proposed changes on their assigned section: Green Burials- Laurisa R., Plantings - Judie F., Eligibility - Sally C. No action was taken.

E. Correspondence - covered under superintendent's report

F. Topics not reasonably anticipated - 4 new Lot Leases (Wolkowitz, Flamaten, LLC, Walsh, Kellogg) were signed by all Commissioners.

Next meeting scheduled Sept 19th, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 5:12

**Respectfully submitted,
Laurisa Rich
Secretary**

Documents Reviewed at the Meeting:

Letter from Tom Dresser dated 6/17/19

Email from Marlan Sigelman dated 7/11/19

Laurisa's Green Burial General Info & Definitions &

Proposed changes doc

Judie's Stones / Monuments, Plantings / Memorials

Proposed Changes doc

Sally's Lot Lease Policies Proposed Changes doc