

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes Final
Thursday, Nov 12, 2020 3:00pm
Zoom Meeting #910 8294 3335

Those in attendance:

Sally Cook, Laurisa Rich, Judie Flanders, Susan Murphy

Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm

- A. Minutes from 9/1/20, 9/8/20 & 9/24/20** - approved as written
- B. Superintendent's Report** - Steve Jaffe has trimmed designated branches - a \$500 bill is pending. He has identified and tagged 2 dead pines that need removal. He would like to start the fall cleanup before Thanksgiving. 1 casket was exhumed and moved to Edgartown cemetery. Thomas Dresser's cemetery tour aired on Chilmark Library zoom on October 29th and went well. Sally noted that the first filming occurred on the 2nd anniversary of Harriet Otteson's death.
- C. Legal Questions to Review** - Sally summarized attorney Isabel Lew's answers to Q1 - No specific timeline indicated. Q2 - New regulations will apply to entire cemetery unless commissioners specify otherwise. Q3 - The Leasee owns 'an interest' in plot. Transfer of lease goes through a will or to the heirs.
- D. Edited Policies for Review** - We discussed merits of maintaining Cemetery (P)lot Leasing and Burial Policies as a stand alone document OR adding them as Section VIII to our revised regulations OR incorporating them into relevant sections of our already approved version. We voted 2-1 to incorporate policy information into Sections I-VII. Judie and Laurisa will zoom with Jenny to prepare a draft to present at our next meeting. Our intention will be to approve new regulations at that time and post a public hearing for the 28th of December.
- E. Fall Activities** - Laurisa & Susan will winterize the rain barrel. Judie & Susan will remove and store the Veteran flags.
- F. Correspondence & Clerk Report** - Brenda Warshaw has requested to sell back her 1/2 plot (11x11) #34B on Wildgrass Avenue. The 3 commissioners unanimously approved. Jenny will offer the the longest pending applicant this plot.

G. Topics not reasonably anticipated - none

Next meeting scheduled December 10, 3pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Laurisa Rich
Secretary**

Documents Reviewed at meeting :

Proposed Cemetery Regs I - VIII - Revised 9/24/20 (and approved)

Cemetery Commission - Legal - October 28, 2020

DRAFT: Revised Cemetery (P)lot Leasing and Burial Policies - October 8, 2020

Legal comments summary sent by Jenny on Nov 12, 2020