

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes FINAL
Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 8am
Chilmark Town Hall, 401 Middle Rd, Conference Room #2

Those in attendance: Judie Flanders, Laurisa Rich, Kara Shemeth (at 9am Kara left to respond to a fire in OB)

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am

- A. Review of documents and records** - Judie & Laurisa got a good start rummaging, organizing and purging duplicate Cemetery records at Town Hall.
- B. Review of Applications** - deferred to next meeting
- C. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair** - Tim Carroll joined us briefly and answered some of the various questions we formulated at our 2/10 meeting :
 - 1. Maintenance of Shed** - For now, this will remain the the responsibility of the CemComm to budget for, get quotes for and oversee the repair of the shed.
 - 2. Maintenance and Plowing of Cemetery Roads** - Although the Highway Dept. has traditionally plowed the entry road and parking lot, the avenues are quite technical due to surface condition, sensitive plantings etc. and Town does not have appropriate plow. Basil Welch and Brian Chioffi have plowed in the past. Bill gets submitted to the Town to pay out of their snow removal budget.
 - 3. Insurance** - Town has a limited liability policy of \$200,000 per person, per incident and 1 million, 3 million and 5 million dollar umbrella policies which covers the Cemetery as long as we act in good faith and use best practices. We are open to the Public for “passive recreational use” (ie walking) and, as long as there is no ‘gross negligence” (ie uncovered open grave) or passive negligence (rotting shed floor we are unaware of that someone falls through), we are protected.
 - 4. Perpetual Care** - Even though this option is not longer offered, the Town is legally bound to care for the the graves of those who have paid for it, in

perpetuity, regardless of finances.

Next Meeting : TBD

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon

Respectfully Submitted,

**Laurisa Rich
Secretary**