

APPROVED

Chilmark Cemetery Commission

A meeting of the Chilmark Cemetery Commission was held at Town Hall on Thursday, January 11, 2018. All commissioners were present - Harriette Otteson, John Flender, and Sarah Cook. Cemetery Superintendent, Susan Murphy, attended for a short time to present her report.

First, the minutes of the December 20, 2017, meeting were reviewed and approved. Next, the billings and quotes for 2017 cemetery maintenance work were presented by Susan Murphy - Jim Morgans quote was for road repairs, not yet done; Brian Cioffis bill for tree clearing has been paid; Fullers bill for Fall 2017 cleanup needs to be paid. It is understood that billings/quotes for cemetery upkeep will be submitted by the Superintendent to the commission for approval before payment. The superintendent may sign a Municipal Waste Receipt to go to the Town of Chilmark for payment for trash taken from the cemetery to the dump. Tied in with maintenance expenses, an explanation of projected increases in the budget proposal for FY 2019 was discussed and will be presented at the January 23, 2018, meeting with the Selectmen and the Finance Committee(7:00p.m. at Town Hall).

Further questions about tree problems - heights over 8 feet and overhangs - came up, especially related to the lot leased by the Farrow(Damroth) families. This problem will be assessed and discussed at a future date. Also, for future action is concern about attention to the flags for vets. Harriette suggests a second person be appointed, as Stan Mercer would like a replacement. Harriette and Susan Murphy will follow up on this matter.

A protracted discussion of regulations for grave decorations/momentos took place after Susan Murphy submitted a draft page of nine guidelines. Susan had to leave for another meeting. The three commissioners studied Susans draft and abbreviated the list to five or six new regulations which Secretary Sarah Cook will discuss with Harriette, then write out for consideration. John Flender volunteered to write up the 2017 cemetery details for the town report. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30p.m.

Sarah(Sally) Cook, Secretary

*Sarah Cook, March 8, 2018*