

APPROVED ON DEC. 14, 2017

Chilmark Cemetery Commission

A meeting of the Chilmark Cemetery Commission was held at Town Hall on Friday, November 17, 2017 at 1:00p.m. All commissioners were present - Harriette Otteson, John Flender, and Sarah(Sally) Cook. The meeting was called to discuss hiring an arborist to do tree cutting and trimming around the cemetery monument located at the top of the drive in. After a short discussion of the options, John Flender made a motion to hire Brian Cioffi to do the work. This motion was seconded and approved.

Next were questions on the funding for the tree work and road repairs(see meeting of November 9, 2017). Agreed to first use available funds in the 2017 budget, then, as necessary, tap into special funds as reported by Harriette at the November 9, 2017, meeting. John pointed out that there still needs to be a solution for reducing the mound of excavation material dumped at west end of cemetery. This ongoing concern will be addressed in the future, after the tree cutting and road repair have been accomplished.

Following was Harriette's report on pumpkins, placed and lit with candles, on two grave sites during the last week of October, 2017. She pointed out that the Fire Department does not approve unattended candles; also, the destruction and scattering of the pumpkins by animals created a mess to be cleaned up. The commissioners agreed to alert the two people involved and explain the need for limits on this kind of grave decoration.

The final matter was a correction in the Cemetery Regulations, the need to insert the identification label, Chilmark, in the heading of the document, as well as in the document: I.A. (to read Chilmark Taxpayer) and I.C.(to read Chilmark owners). The corrections will be made by the town Clerk, Jennifer Christy.

This meeting was adjourned at 1:50p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Town Hall at 2:00p.m.

Sarah Cook, Secretary

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