

Chilmark Cemetery Commission
Minutes of a Public Hearing Held
April 7, 2017

Pursuant to notice duly given a Public Hearing for the purpose of presenting the proposed Cemetery Commission Regulations and Cemetery Lot Lease and Burial Policies was held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Chilmark Town Hall. Commissioners Sarah (Sally) Cook and John O. Flender were present constituting a quorum. Mr. Flender presided and Ms. Cook kept the record. Attending the hearing were Joyce Maxner, Martha Flanders, Frank Yeomans, Sylvia Yeomans, Harriette Otterson, Margaret Maida, Peter B. Cook, Everett Spees and Anne Boyer.

Mr. Flender distributed copies of the proposed Regulations and Policies and outlined the major changes from the 2003 Regulations. He explained that the Policies were intended to supplement and clarify the Regulations, because more and more lots are being leased in the name of a partnership, Limited Liability Company (LLC), a trust or other multiple ownership structure.

The subject of so-called Green Burials was raised and discussed including the use of wooden or cardboard caskets. Also, there were a few questions regarding the use of caskets and urns on the same lot.

Other questions concerning the Cemetery were also raised including:

- Who is responsible for removing material left on a burial site?
- Could a barrel be made available for trash?
- Is a source of water available? Could one be developed?
- What are the duties of the Veterans Grave Officer?
- How can a lot lease holder obtain a duplicate deed?

These and other questions pertaining to matters unrelated to the Regulations and Policies were answered by the Commissioners.

There being no further questions the Public Hearing was closed at 3:55 P.M.

Sally (Sarah) Cook, Secretary