

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes Final
Thursday, Dec 12, 2019 3:00pm
Chilmark Town Hall, 401 Middle Rd, Conference Room #1

Those in attendance:

Sally Cook, Laurisa Rich, Judie Flanders

Meeting called to order at 3:01pm

A. Minutes from Nov. 14, 2019 - Judie spied a few typos which were corrected. Jenny was added to attendees. Under D., clarified that the Far West Wing has not yet been laid out. Added that commissioners visited the cemetery after adjournment.

B. Superintendent Report - Susan not present

C. Expenses for Summer & Fall 2019 - No expenses yet paid as still awaiting Don Sexton's bill. Quotes for fall are cleanup still outstanding.

D. Preliminary Budget FY2021 - Jan 6th, 2020 and presented to Finance Committee end of January.

1. We reviewed Sally's summary and discussed changes. The proposed changes decrease our budget by 11.81%
2. Sally will write up descriptions for each line item and leave in our mailbox for response.

E. Update on Near West Wing opening -

Sally sent an official notice to Selectmen re: opening on Nov 14th, 2019.

F. Correspondence Sally emailed Alan Gowell that we have accepted some of his recommendations and will meet with him early in the new year.

G. Planning ahead discussion

1. Our Town Report submission is due 2/3/20. Judie will create a draft.
2. Regulations - In early winter we resume discussion and finalize our proposal. Jenny will type it up and announce a public hearing in the papers and Town's website. At hearing we will read letters into record & hear oral testimony. We then close meeting, deliberate

changes and vote to approve. Our final proposal is submitted to Board of Selectman for approval.

3. Meet with Alan Gowell and Tom Dresser.

H. Topics not reasonably anticipated -

Tom Dresser is very interested in researching and conducting a cemetery tour at Abel's Hill as he does in Edgartown & Oak Bluffs. He does not charge for this because tours promote his books and therefore is not a commercial enterprise. Down-island these are arranged by the town libraries and at times used as a fundraiser and Tom will be paid out of monies raised. Laurisa will contact the Friends of the Chilmark Library to discuss. Commissioners agreed to move forward and make available the names and locations of interred so Tom can proceed with research. Laurisa will ask Jenny to prepare info.

Next meeting scheduled Jan. 9, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 5:25

**Respectfully submitted,
Laurisa Rich
Secretary**

Documents Reviewed at the Meeting:

Proposed Budget FY21 worksheet

FY2021 CEMETERY COMMISSION BUDGET PROPOSAL

FY21 Budget Worksheets for PB, Cem Comm, HRBC and Clerk Depts. 152 161 175

List of Vacant Plots at Abel's Hill Cemetery

ABELS HILL CEMETERY (new section occupants) 2019

Near and Far West Wing map

11/14 Near West Wing Opening Announcement to Selectmen

11/23-23 Sally Cook and Alan Gowell email string