

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes FINAL
Thursday, Oct 10, 2019 3:00pm
Chilmark Town Hall, 401 Middle Rd, Conference Room #1

Those in attendance:

Sally Cook, Laurisa Rich, Judie Flanders, Susan Murphy (until 3:30)

Meeting called to order at 3:03

A. Minutes from Sept. 19, 2019 - approved as corrected

B. Superintendent Report -

1. Allan Gowell is preparing new proposed layout for NWW section.
2. Stan Mercer has resigned as Chilmark's VA officer. The Town will post a vacancy and seek replacement.
3. Don Sexton will submit bill for Summer mowing.
4. Susan will get 3 quotes for Fall cleanup, ideally completed before Thanksgiving. We discussed adding rain barrel draining, disconnection and moving into shed to be included in Fall cleanup tasks.

C. Update on Lot Application - An additional statement of certification is proposed that applicant declares "...no other lease for a cemetery lot has been issued based on this property ownership listed on this application." and "...I have notified the other owners or trustees or beneficiaries of or those with legal interest in the qualifying property under which this application is made prior to filling this application." We discussed ways to clarify statement i.e. specify 1 property/1 plot policy. We discussed power of commissioners to make various changes. No action was taken.

D. Status of Lot 2019 sales - postponed.

E. Funding of proposed new layout - Judie has established that the Commission IS allowed to use the \$3,404 remaining funds of 2000 warrant article for survey and layout of new lots. Using trust fund interest of \$19,000+ must be approved by the Town. \$187,000+ accrued from the selling of plots as well must be approved by the town though these monies are ideally earmarked for buying new land for a future cemetery. The new layout proposed by Alan Gowell will be discussed at November meeting.

F. Correspondence - none

G. Topics not reasonably anticipated -

Laurisa apprised commissioners of a presentation she attended in Falmouth re green burials by Judith Lorei, founder of Green Burial Massachusetts, and their work with various land trusts to establish a “conservation” cemetery open to all in the commonwealth. Brendon O’Neil is interested in pursuing this possibility on MV.

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Next meeting scheduled Nov. 14, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 4:40

**Respectfully submitted,
Laurisa Rich
Secretary**

Documents Reviewed at the Meeting:

Abels Hill Cemetery Deed Documents.pdf

Abels Hill Cemetery Expansion Chronological File 10-7-2019.pdf

Abels Hill Cemetery Vacant Plot List - Updated October 2019

Ellen Biskis email 9/24/19 RE: YTD MGMT REPORTS

CAI Technologies Cemetery Map

Abel’s Hill Cemetery Lot Application - Draft

Allan Gowell’s proposed layout of Near West Wing 10/4/19