

Barrington Cemetery Commission Meeting (Approved Oct. 8, 2014)

The Barrington Cemetery Commission met on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 3:00 PM in the Meeting Room at the Barrington Public Library-Community Center.

Present Mr. John A. MacIntyre, Jr., Chair, Mr. Robert Black, Mrs. Sarah P. Small, Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Enzly Ramsay, Superintendent of Operations.

Mr. MacIntyre called the meeting to order at 3:25 PM.

Superintendent's Report:

Supplies from the Restoration Project at Prince's Hill the week of August 4, 2014:

Mr. MacIntyre requested that Mr. Ramsay remove the unused pile of sand remaining by the driveway at Section A.

Trimming dead branches from the large trees along the wall on County Road:

There are several large trees with very long and heavy branches along the County Road wall in Prince's Hill Section D between the South entrance to the cemetery and the Bus Stop near Section B. There is concern they might fall on markers, and there was discussion regarding removal of branches and the growth of small, undesirable trees growing in the fence line. There was discussion. Mr. Ramsay will remove the large, lower limbs, cut out the undesirable growth, and reseed the knoll at a cost of approximately \$1800.00. He has agreed to grind out the double stumps within the cemetery, and behind the Bus Shelter, at the same time.

Finishing Survey Work at Forest Chapel:

Mr. Ramsay has edited the survey information he received from Mr. Steve Murgo. He plans to meet with Mr. Murgo and fill in detailed information about the spaces between, and the lots created, from Mr. Murgo's survey. Many of these lots and/or graves were created since 1974, when the survey was made by White & Gebhart, and were to satisfy requests of lot owners in the areas at the crest of the hill and around the Tomb, where the driveways from Governor Bradford Drive converge. The information from the corrected resurvey needs to be in an all inclusive electronic system which can be accurately updated and 1) useful to the Superintendent in the field, 2) useful for Cemetery Commission information and planning for sale of additional space, and 3) necessary for legal records compiled and stored with the Town of Barrington.

Fall Fertilizing:

There was discussion. Mr. MacIntyre moved and Mr. Black seconded a motion that Mr. Ramsay apply the usual fall fertilizers at Prince's Hill and at Forest Chapel. Motion carried.

Brochure for Forest Chapel and Cremation Garden: Suggestions were made for clarifying the Brochure describing Prince's Hill Cemetery, Columbarium and Cremation Garden and Forest Chapel Cemetery. Mr. Black will edit and include photos with addresses of the entrances to these two active cemeteries. He will inquire about estimates for 100 copies from the printer currently used by the Town, and from others.

Fannin's Restoration Report: Mrs. Small has not completed the details of markers restored in Prince's Hill from August 4 – 8, 2014, by Jim and Minxie Fannin of Fannin-Lehner Restoration Consultants. She indicated that Mr. James Lawrence of Tiverton and Ms. Maureen Bryne of Warwick were again volunteers who assisted in cleaning grave markers. Mrs. Small will write thank-you notes to each of them. There was discussion on work achieved during the Restoration

Project. Mr. Black suggested that perhaps there was too much emphasis on the amount of cleaning given to the markers.

Pricing for Lettering on Columbarium and Cremation Garden:

Currently the cost of lettering on the Columbarium doors is included in the purchase price of a Columbarium Niche when lettered at the time of purchase. Should there be an additional cost when the second name is added to the niche door? Mr. Ramsay will ask for cost of lettering from Mr. Ryan Hogan, of Warren Monument should he return at a later date to add lettering. These costs will rise in the future, and the Commission is currently responsible for the cost of door lettering.

Fonts used in the preparing of the "Right of Final Disposition" were discussed with concern that the template is difficult to read. Mr. MacIntyre will contact Stephanie Bernardo, the Town Hall clerk who now prepares the "Right of Final Disposition" document for purchasers of space in the active Barrington Cemeteries.

Refinishing of Peck Tomb Doors: Mr. Ramsay has not had time to refinish the Peck Tomb doors. He has contacted Mr. Bruce Ayers of Bristol, who built the Tomb Doors originally, about removing, sanding and re-staining the doors. Mr. Ayers will do the work for \$500.00. There was discussion. Mrs. Small moved that Mr. Ramsay ask Mr. Ayers to do the preventative maintenance work on the Tomb doors for \$500.00. Mr. MacIntyre seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Ramsay will give the formula for the finish to Mr. Ayers.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Sarah P. Small, Secretary