

Barrington Cemetery Commission (Approved Apr. 30, 2014)

The Barrington Cemetery Commission met on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 3:00 PM in the Meeting Room at the Barrington Public Library-Community Center.

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

Mr. MacIntyre called the meeting to order at 3:12 PM.

Mr. MacIntyre moved the acceptance of the minutes of the March 12, 2014 Financial Review meeting with Mr. Edward (Ted) Ritchie of Eagle Strategies. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. MacIntyre moved the acceptance of the minutes of the March 12, 2014 regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Small seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendents Report:

In the past few days, trees at Prince's Hill, behind Peck Tomb on bank have fallen and damaged the fence. Mr. Ramsay has removed the trees and branches. There was discussion. Mr. Ramsay will contact Fence Depot in Warren, and others if necessary, to receive quotes for repairs.

Flag at Prince's Hill – Mr. Ramsay will install a small American Flag on the pole at PH Cemetery prior to installing a new 5' x 8' flag just before Memorial Day for use there for the summer.

Spring fertilizer program – There was discussion. Mr. Ramsay was asked to continue the 4 Step Maintenance Plan for cemetery lawns at a cost commensurate with years past: 1) "Weed and Feed" now, followed by 2) Broad-leaf weed control 3) Insect Control and 4) Fall fertilizer.

Historic Signs – Mr. Ramsay picked up one new BA002 (Barrington Cemetery #2-Forest Chapel) Historic Sign from the RI Dept. of Transportation (RIDOT) Sign Shop on Lincoln St., Warwick on Friday, March 14th. He reported that the letters and numbers are baked onto each sign as it is made, and there are no loose adhesive letters/numbers to affix on other worn town historic signs. He indicated that individual iridescent numbers may be available from other sources.

PH Light on Flagpole – Mr. Ramsay will repair, re-install and set the timer on the light to illuminate the PH Flagpole from dusk to midnight during the summer.

Trash container at Forest Chapel Nayatt Road – Mr. MacIntyre requested Mr. Ramsay to take apart and repair damaged slates and hinges of the trash container at the Nayatt Road entrance to Forest Chapel, and to reinstall it.

Section signs at Prince's Hill – Mr. Ramsay will reset all presently missing or damaged section signs at PH cemetery prior to Memorial Day, when he will be installing foundations.

Survey work at Forest Chapel – Mr. Ramsay has not completed editing the survey work finished by Mr. Steve Murgo, but will work on it.

Tree at North end of Prince's Hill Cemetery: Mr. R. B. Sutton, Jr., owner of property at 349 County Road, abutting the northern most end of PH, has reiterated to the Town Clerk's Office that branches of the large tree on the lot line are still a concern to him. Commissioners discussed

and confirmed that Mr. Sutton, at Mr. Sutton's expense, has the Commission's permission to remove, or have removed, any branches overhanging his property.

Selling back graves to the Town: An heir of the original purchaser of a Grave Lot has requested to sell back two graves to the Town. He does not have the original deed, nor does he appear to have proof of ownership stipulated in the ancestor's assigns in probate records. There was discussion. Mrs. Small moved the burden of proof of ownership of burial space in Barrington Cemeteries rests with the **designation of** "heirs or assigns" as stated on the original Deed, Space for Final Disposition, or other legal document. Mr. MacIntyre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Columbarium and Cremation Plan for promoting sales of space for interment: Mr. Black presented a folded one-sheet brochure with photographs which he has designed as a handout piece for use of Mr. Ramsay, Town Clerk's office, etc. It shows Prince's Hill and Forest Chapel, the two active Barrington Cemeteries, with answers to basic questions and contact information. There was review, suggestions for editing, and discussion.

Fee Schedule: There was discussion on revising the fee schedule for purchase of final disposition.

Stone Restoration Project: Due to storm damage in September 2013, the Prince's Hill Section B marker of Wilmarth Heath repaired and reset in August 2008, and the Capt. Luther Martin (B206) and Amy T. Martin (B-207) markers repaired and reset in August 2011, all behind the RIPTA Bus station on County Road, are again in need of repair. Mr. MacIntyre contacted Fannin Lehner Restoration Company and Jim and Minnie Fannin are available the week of August 3-8, 2014. There was discussion. Mr. MacIntyre will contact the Fannins and ask them to reserve time to repair and reset these markers. Tree stumps remaining from the storm will be also be removed.

Resetting the Renew Carpenter footstone at Nockum Hill. Mrs. Small has been in contact with Mr. Nathaniel Taylor, Vice President, Barrington Preservation Society, custodians of footstone (now at the BPS Museum in the basement of the Barrington Library), regarding resetting the footstone to its original position at Nockum Hill. Mr. Taylor indicated that the BPS does not now have funds for this work. Mr. Ramsay estimated the cost at \$250.00. There has been an additional inquiry regarding repair and resetting of another marker at Nockum Hill. There was discussion. Funds have not been budgeted, and the Cemetery Preservation Fund is not adequate to repair all the markers in the small inactive cemeteries at this time. Mrs. Small will so inform Mr. Taylor.

The regular commission meeting normally scheduled for the second Wednesday in May will be rescheduled for April 30, 2014, due to Mr. MacIntyre's absence from May 6th-15th. Mrs. Small will contact the Mr. William DeWitt, the Commission's Town Council liaison, to determine a late afternoon or early evening time he might be available.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Sarah P. Small, Secretary