

BCC Min, 2015.03-18 Barrington Cemetery Commission (Approved June 10, 2015)
The Barrington Cemetery Commission met on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the Meeting Room at the Barrington Public Library-Community Center. This meeting was in place of the regular monthly meeting previously scheduled for March 11, 2015.

Present Mr. John A. MacIntyre, Jr., Chair; Mr. Robert Black; Mrs. Sarah P. Small, Secretary of the Commission; Mr. Enzly Ramsay, Superintendent of Operations, was absent. Also present, Ms. Cheryl McCarthy, 21 Columbus Avenue, Barrington, tel. 401-699-7857, heir of Florence B. Munroe, 32 Lillis Ave., Barrington, who originally purchased the Forest Chapel South one-half of Lot 226 on 1 May 1974 for \$400.00; and was deeded FC Lot 237, Graves 1A and 4A; Mrs. Florence B. Munroe died on July 31, 1995.

Mr. MacIntyre called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM. *Agenda Items by number:*

9. Discuss and Act on Burials for Heirs:

Cheryl (Munroe) McCarthy, 21 Columbus Avenue, Barrington, daughter of Robert and Margreta (MacDonald) Munroe and grand-daughter of Florence B. Munro and Robert B. Munroe, Sr., is concerned with:

- 1) Current Commission policy of allowing 3 cremains in one full grave lot.
- 2) Intent of purchaser in determining which family members may be allowed to use the graves.
- 3) How ownership is determined when the original purchaser is deceased and there appears to be no deed.
- 4) How, and by whom, the determination of heirs/assigns is decided when two different heirs come forward after the death of the original purchaser.

Ms. McCarthy distributed copies of the BCC Minutes of June 22, 1995, which shows a diagram of the Lots owned by the Munroe family at that time, with the name and date of death for each family member then buried in each grave. She also attached a copy of the deed dated 7 July 1995 for FC Lot 237, Graves 1A and 4A indicating "Original Deed issued on 5-1-74 for Lot 226 South one-half. These 2 graves" signed by John A. MacIntyre and Sarah P. Small. On a separate sheet of paper, she includes a sketch and separate first name listing of names designated for Graves 4A, 4, 3, 2, 1, and 1A; Graves 8, 7, 6, 5, and 5A; Graves: ("Bird" appears NOT to be a relative nor a member of the Munroe family), Grs. 3, and 2. (See attached.) Ms. McCarthy will provide a full name listing of those designated at a future meeting of the Commission, requesting they be included in the BCC Cemetery spreadsheet/database and noted in Town records.

See also attached BCC Minutes of June 14, 1995, page 2 detailing the requested exchange of graves by Mrs. Florence B. Munroe, Munroe-Lombardi and Munroe-Fiske families, with replacement deeds issued; provision for a double full burial in Lot 237 Grave 1A, and allowable upright headstones. "*Copies of these allowances will be noted in the town records with the names of those for whom the above mentioned Graves are reserved.*") On seventh July 1995, the Commission reissued a new deed for Forest Chapel Lot 237, Grs. 1A & 4A (See Attached.) and Minutes of September 13, 1995, page 1 (Attached).

2. Approve of Minutes of the Asset Allocation Meeting, February 11, 2015: Not called for.
Approve Minutes from February 11, 2015 Monthly Meeting: Not called for.
Approve Minutes of Revised Investment/Asset Allocation Policy Meeting from February 25, 2015: Not called for.
Review/Approve Minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting with Town Manager: Not called for.

3. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Ramsay was absent. Mr. MacIntyre reported: Because of the huge amount of snow this winter, removal of Tree limbs at Prince's Hill, Tree limbs at Watson Yard, and Spring Cleanup have all been delayed.

4. Discuss and Act on Peter Shaw's Burial:

Prince's Hill Columbarium Panel 2, Niche number 5, was purchased on February 18, 2015 by Mrs. Dorothy (Dotsie) Banker Shaw, wife of Mr. Dudley Peter Shaw who died Feb. 11, 2015. Mr. MacIntyre asked if the Commission would agree to pay the charges from cemetery funds for lettering of the Niche door in memory of Mr. Shaw, member of the Commission from the February 2000 to November 2013, and Chairman from Dec. 2000 to Dec. 2010. Mrs. Small suggested that the Commission, as individuals, might like to pay for the lettering in memory of Mr. Shaw. There was discussion. Mrs. Small is of the opinion that a non-essential expenditure of Endowed Cemetery Funds for an individual, might be considered inappropriate. She offered to contact those who are interested in donating to the cost of engraving the niche door for Mr. Shaw. It was the consensus that Commissioners may make a donation to the BCC Preservation Fund Account in memory of Mr. Shaw, if they so choose.

Cost of Lettering on Columbarium Niche doors:

Mrs. Small contacted Mr. Ryan Hogan, owner of Warren Monument Co., Railroad Ave., Warren, tel. 237-4010, who currently letters Prince's Hill Columbarium niche doors, and requested his charges for lettering same. Mr. Hogan charges \$125.00 for "set-up" including the design work, materials and transportation, plus \$5.00 per letter, and/or punctuation marks, etc. These prices also apply to the standard engraving designs on cremation garden footstones. All "after-the-fact" designs will be quoted on an individual basis. Mr. Hogan indicated that the lettering can be done "on site" thus saving Mr. Ramsay from having to remove a door, replace it with a blank door, and then return the completely-lettered door to the niche. Mr. Hogan has round metal veterans' markers, which may be applied to the niche doors and footstones in the Cremation Garden. Depending on the length of the name, US Government "medallion Veterans markers" may be too large to affix to columbarium doors or cremation garden stones markers, but Mr. Hogan thinks that the 1.5 inch oval size would fit with most names. Lettering of death dates only on Columbarium Niche doors, or Cremation Garden markers, is currently \$160.00. Owners of Barrington Space for Final Disposition contact and work directly with approved monument companies according to the current Summary of Barrington Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Lettering PH, CU 1, Panel 2, Niche 5: Mr. Hogan indicated he would charge one-half of the regular price, the wholesale price, to the Barrington Cemetery Commission, for lettering the niche door for commissioner D. Peter Shaw. Wholesale cost to the Commission for lettering Mr. Shaw's niche door was \$62.50 for set-up, plus \$195.00 for 78 letters, a total of \$257.50. He said the lettering charge to the Commission for Mr. Shaw's door is \$255.00. There was more discussion. Mrs. Small indicated she believed there was enough interest from individuals who wished to donate in memory of D. Peter Shaw to pay Mr. Hogan's price of \$255.00.

5. Discuss the Wajih Mazloun's Burial:

Mr. MacIntyre indicated that the sale of FC Lot 281, Graves 1 & 2 did not follow the usual procedure, and payment, plus the signed Rules and Regulation's Form, were both received at the Town Clerk's office after the burial. The Commissioners have signed the deed, and Mrs. Small will return it to the Town Clerk's Office.

6. Discuss and Act on Selling Graves back to the Town:

There was discussion of required proof of ownership, and/or the needed authority of ownership as an heir or assign of the original purchaser, in order to sell-back burial space to the Town or Commission. Mr. Black said he would ask Swan Point Cemetery how they handle instances of questionable ownership. Mrs. Small said she would ask that this topic be discussed with the county representatives appointed to the RI Advisory Commission on Historic Cemeteries, at their next meeting to be held on April 15th.

7. Discuss and Act on Fannins:

Minxie Fannin of Fannin-Lehner Restoration Consultants contacted Mr. MacIntyre as available the week of August 10th for restoration work in Barrington Cemeteries. There was discussion regarding the cemeteries and markers needing restoration. Mr. MacIntyre will confirm with Minxie, that the week of August 10th is agreeable with the Commission. When the snow melts Commissioners will review markers needing restoration work and determine if, and where, they want to schedule restoration for this summer.

8. Four Town Farm Lease for summer planting:

Mr. Chris Clegg, owner of Four Town Farm in Seekonk, abutting Cemetery owned land at 135 George Street Barrington, has contacted Mr. MacIntyre offering \$700.00 for the lease of 4 acres at the rear of the house. He indicated that the Four Town Farm water line/pipe running thru the vacant land is about 5-6 feet under the surface. Mr. MacIntyre said the lease had already been signed and moved the approval of the Commission. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Discuss and Act on Letters to Funeral Directors on BCC Rules and Regulations: Mr. MacIntyre suggested that Funeral Directors be updated as to payment and procedures for Cemetery Services.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Sarah P. Small, Secretary