



TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
Cemetery Commission  
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Cemetery Commission Minuets  
July 25, 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Edgartown Public Library

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Andy called to order the regular meeting of the **Cemetery Commission** at **4:08 pm** on **Tuesday, July 25, 2017** at the **Edgartown Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Small Conference Room.**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The following persons were present:

**Cemetery Commissioners:** Andy Kelly, Liz Villard, Susan Brown

**Other:** Jessica McGroarty (Administrator)

**3. OPEN ISSUES:**

1. Elizabeth Villard moves to accept the minutes, Susan Brown seconds. All commissioners in favor. Minutes approved.
2. The commissioners met with Tim & Mary Lou Golding and the amount of lots allowed to be sold to a family. The Goldings had started the process of purchasing two lots in the Edgartown New Westside Cemetery but had not yet paid for the two lots at the time the commissioners voted to restrict sale of lots to one per family. The Goldings request because they had started the process before the commissioners voted to change the number of the lots sold, they be allowed to purchase the two lots. Andrew Kelly motions selling the Golding the two lots. Susan seconds the motion. All commissioners are in favor the Jessica will proceed with processing the deed.
3. The commissioners reviewed the financials of the cemetery department and were given budgets for the 2018 fiscal year.
4. The commissioners request a second letter sent to Kevin Donovan regarding changes made to the Baptiste Lot of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the New Westside Cemetery. The commissioners had requested Mr. Donovan reverse the changes made and remove curbing and plantings as the changes are in violation of rules # 11, # 14 & #15 of the

existing rules & regulations but no changes have been made. Jessica will send a second letter by certified mail.

5. The commissioners comment they are very happy with Allan DeBettencourt and the supervision & guidance he has been giving the seasonal cemetery employees.
6. The commissioners are aware the Jerome/ White have been roped off. Andrew Kelly reached out and spoke with Mary Ann Jerome and she confirmed the area has been dressed with top soil, seeded and is currently being watered daily. The commissioners are in agreement the area can remain roped off until August 15<sup>th</sup> but will have a seasonal employee add a Y attachment to the spigot so other visitors may also use that water connection.
7. The commissioners were updated regarding the purchase of the two new mowers for the cemetery.
8. On Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 there was a burial for Mark Mattison on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the New Westside Cemetery. The lot contains a large, mature oak tree right in the area a headstone would be placed to keep in line with the other headstone on the avenue. Andrew Kelly moves the headstone should be moved forward 2 ½ feet in order to preserve the mature oak tree. Susan Brown seconds. All commissioners in favor.
9. Debbie Manley- Smith joins the meeting
10. Elizabeth Villard moves the “Chappy Cemetery” will now be referred to as “Jeffers’s Lane Cemetery”. She would also like to pursue the idea of the Edgartown Cemetery Department keeping the records for Bill Brine’s private Cemetery. All commissioners agree on both items.
11. The subject of cremation lots (located in the front field on the New Westside Cemetery) is addressed. Elizabeth motions the cost should be adjusted to \$250.00 for a cremation lot and 2 cremated remains may be placed in one lot. Susan seconds. All commissioners in favor.
12. All commissioners reviewed the 5<sup>th</sup> draft of the Edgartown Cemetery Rules & Regulations. It was decided commissioners would review and at the next meeting the rules & regulations would be the first item on the agenda. The next meeting will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm at the Edgartown library.
13. Andrew Kelly moves once the rules & regulations are approved by all commissioners, a copy will be mailed out with all deeds, a copy will be put on the website and a copy will be given to family members of residents at time of interment. All commissioners are in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.