

EDGARTOWN CEMETERY DEPARTMENT
CEMETERY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 26, 2016

10:00am

Present – Andrew Kelly, Chairman, Elizabeth Villard, Commissioner, Susan Brown, Commissioner, Debbie Manley-Smith, Commissioner, Jen Morgan, Superintendent

Andrew stated that he has the minutes for the March meeting, and will get them. Susan stated that she has the minutes for the short meeting with Elaine Graves and Susan Wasserman.

Jen reported that there are already three lots on 11th Avenue , that people are waiting to purchase.

Liz requested that the Commission buy D2 solution for cleaning stones in the fall. She asked Jen to look into purchasing quantity and cost. Andrew questioned who would be doing the work, and Liz said she had volunteers.

Jen reported that a woman whose daughter was killed at Sandy Hook, had contacted her to inquire about the possibility of her daughter being buried in Edgartown. Jen explained that she needed to be a property owner, but that since her sister was, she could possibly work something out with her. Susan reported that she had been speaking with someone regarding the issue, and thought she had worked out a resolution. The Commissioners discussed different options, and Liz suggested that St. Andrews and the Federated Churches allow burials. The question arose about whether the rule of property ownership was in writing, and Jen

stated that it is included in the Cemetery Rules and Regulations from 1987.

Liz reported that she continues to work on the CPA grant, and the bidding process and donations. She asked if she could contact Alan Gowell regarding the replacement of missing stones to Tower Hill, and using the Murray Fund. The Commissioners agreed that she could. Liz also reported that Tamara Conde had told her that a large cedar tree that overhangs the Daniel Fisher monument is causing excessive growth and damage to the monument, and suggested contacting Hagerty to cut it down.

Andrew reported that he will be meeting with Juliet Mulinaire, the procurement officer, at 10am on Wednesday, in the NWS, to discuss the expansion work, prevailing wage, and the bidding process. He suggested everyone meet there to have a better understanding of the scope of the project, as well as meeting in OWS to look at the tree on the Fisher lot.

Deb had questions regarding the Wasserman report, and some particular items about the recommendations. The Commissioners plan to discuss the report at next month's meeting, prior to the Personnel Board meeting.

At 11:15, Pat Tyra joined the meeting to discuss the overgrown trees on the Josiah Pease lot, which abuts her family's Shurtleff lot. She said it prevents her from being able to stand at her lot and visit. The Commissioners agreed to inspect it and make a decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23am.