

EDGARTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

JULY 22, 2014 NOTES

Liz suggests that Andy, she and Jen take notes as it is difficult for chairman Brown to run the meeting and take notes. Andy offers to take the July minutes.

Liz also suggests that the chairmanship rotate amongst the three commissioners.

Jen reports that Plot Cards (Burial Cards) have been ordered and received.

Liz asks about Jen going to Chappy next week for week and Jen replies that it is done.

\$660.00 for brake job on truck. Discussion about need for a replacement vehicle, whether new or used. Andy asks if we can work closer with the Parks Dept. They use their vehicle two months in the summer. Perhaps we could share the use of their vehicle.

Discussion about tree work. Dennis is picking out trees that need work. Final approval should come from Bob Hagerty. New Westside has trees that need limbing up. Hagerty charges \$1600.00 @ day. It was voted to have Bob Hagerty work for two days.

Jen also wants the "stump guy" to grind 4 stumps.

Edgartown Highway Department/Stuart Fuller Discussion. We need to have a written job list and ask Stuart to come to the cemetery to see the work. Use of highway dept. equipment will save the town money, as we will be doing the work "in house", notes Liz. Andy notes he has the equipment, expertise, and we could have our workers assist his workers in the off months. Jen says that "he (Stuart) can just blow us off", but it was felt that we should not take no for an answer and that town departments need to cooperate for the betterment of the town.

Remove big trees. fill pot holes. sides of cemetery cleared so roads can be straightened (NWS). Jen notes the embankment needs to be reinforced, filled, leveled with the rest of the cemetery.

Jen ended the fiscal year with a couple of hundred dollars. She has paid the usual small bills.

There were no burials so far in July. One lot was sold: Bryant, Chappy. Peter Look/Phyllis Brown have discussed purchasing a lot. Hickey, 2 grave lots, back and front.

Are Benches allowed? According to Mike Smith, there never were to be benches. A request from the Nevins allowed a bench and now they have proliferated.

Jen gives her report. Hickey grave plots. Bills are paid. Mike Smith has resigned. Jen says that at the beginning of the season, Mike said this would be his last season. Jen says that Mike had not been putting in full days. Need for a new worker. Liz asks how was the response to the newspaper ad. Jen says, 2 Serbians, 1 unreliable and 1 possible. Jen notes that one person, has filled out an application, but is known to her and has "issues". Andy concurs. Liz notes there is a Chappy person who has previously filled out applications for town work. she hopes he will apply.

Jen notes that the luster is off the job for Denny who is approaching 50 and might want to go scolloping. Jen would like Denny to be considered a subcontractor.

Andy notes that this really is a Personnel Board problem as seasonal employee positions often do not get applicants.

Jen has talked with Brian Kennedy to see if any of the "Work/Release" people can help. He has other "higher up obligations and can't be depended on for daily-work". He hasn't called her back.

Liz asks about contacting the Work/Study program at the High School. Jen says "she knows it doesn't happen". Liz notes that it is a paid internship.

Do we have the money for another seasonal employee? Andy ponders if Jen and a 2nd person (March on...) can handle the cemetery? Can we subcontract out the leaf pick up, approximately \$5000.00? Andy feels that the Fin Com will make seasonal employee to mean 20 weeks, which is 4 week increase over the current 16 week definition.

Can we hire foreigners if they show proper documentation? Yes.

Applicant comes by meeting on way to putting papers in Personnel Board door rack.

Applicant asks to speak to meeting. He says he is a certified mechanic, is experienced, has his own equipment and would like to be considered for the seasonal employee job. Applicant stays at meeting for a while and then leaves.

Jen reports about the extension of water hook up in NWS. from 7th to 10th avenues. no water hookups had been extended for 15 years. Work includes an upright spigot. She has already had compliments from cemetery visitors.

Jen discusses Mike's resignation. He has worked for the town 22 plus years and feels we should do something to acknowledge this. Jen to investigate a plaque from DaRosa's.

Liz says she has two items: She asks that Jen call her (and other commissioners), earlier to sign the payroll. She is not always available. The plaque for the Chappy cemetery is "back on track" and she is aiming for a 2015 Dedication. Liz recounts the turning around of the Captain Martin gravestone. Unknown persons thought it was facing the wrong way and turned it around. Liz to contact Elaine Weintraub to ask her if any of Elaine's group did this. Liz notes the stone was chipped during the turnabout.

Jen says that if the applicant does not work out she will have to keep running the ad.

Liz asks if 14-16 yr olds can work if they have work permits. No, due to dangerous machinery,
(thought:could they be hired to rake leaves?)

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 3PM Town Hall