

**Meeting of Edgartown Cemetery Commission**

**Monday September 30, 2013**

**Edgartown town hall 2nd floor**

**Meeting called to order 3:00 pm**

**Commissioners present: Susan Brown, Liz Villard, Andrew Kelly and superintendent Jen Morgan**

**Last months minutes read and accepted**

**Superintendent report:**

**Brian Kennedy and the crew from community services are working on the fence around perimeter of old west side cemetery. Prepping and painting mostly on Saturdays.**

**Mike Smiths brother in law has finished all the wrought iron fencing. They were done in Essex green. He is now prepping the fence around the perimeter for the community service group. Jen mentioned this was all volunteer work and should the news paper be contacted to do a small piece to acknowledge the work done. All commissioners agreed some type of thank you was in order.**

**Mike Smith is done for the season. Dennis will remain on in a part time role to assist with leaf removal. A sub contractor maybe needed to come in and haul the leaves out in December. This was done last year by Alex Morrison.**

**Jen asked that the commissioners look into an increase in the seasonal wages. This season there was much more work than expected. She is hoping the budget will be able to get through**

(New) discussion came up about the budget and the perpetual account that was established for those who paid extra to have their grave sites maintained. Susan started the discussion with several questions that need to be addressed. Where is the money being held at this time (bank)? Research is needed to find out what exactly the funds may be used for? What effects it would have on budgeting? Do the other towns have this account and what do they do with the funds? When did the town stop adding to the account? Why?

The board understands that individuals had the right to pay for maintenance of their site, but now everyone's sites are maintained by the town staff. How can the perpetual fund be used in the future is the real question and would it need a vote at town meeting to move funds?

Susan stated that between the booklet update and perpetual fund a lot of homework would need to be done for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 pm