

Edgartown cemetery commission

Meeting Monday October 28, 2013

Meeting called to order - 3:10

Commissioners present: Susan Brown, Andrew Kelly, superintendent Jen Morgan  
Liz Villard was absent

Superintendent report:

Brian Kennedy and community service volunteers are almost done painting the perimeter fence of the old west side cemetery. Brian has offered there service with raking leaves in November.

Susan advised that the prep work on the fence left a mess of paint chips which got all over the road and looked unsightly. she was also approach by several citizens questioning the clean up. Jen said Brian Kennedy was raking it up as they went, but she would get someone out there to clean up the remaining chips right away.

Jen and Dennis have begun cleaning leaves, but will probably wait another couple weeks until more have fallen. She also contacted James Hagerty to help grind several stumps from trees that were removed at two grave sites at the request of the family. The trees were Alberta spruce Susan mentioned that these type of trees are no longer allowed to be planted in any of our cemeteries.

Adam from the town tech support was able to get the internet in the work shed installed and the computer is now up and running. Jen has purchased a new printer which is making it much easier for her to get paper work done. She has already begun transferring documents/ords to the computer from her home files.

put a draft together and email to each commissioner for review.

There had been questions in the past about several bank accounts the cemetery has, both Liz and Jen had been looking into these. The perpetual account has around \$26,000 available for use. The commissioners all agreed this should go towards future special projects throughout the 4 cemeteries, not for general use. The Murray account, which has \$141,000 is only to be used for gravestones in the tower hill cemetery. Liz pointed out that at one time there was a second Murray account for the west side cemetery, it appears those funds are no longer available. Jen would go back to Gail at town hall to find additional information for next month.

The CPC grant funding had made it through the towns CPA boards and historic commissions and is now waiting on a public hearing. The hearings are set for December 2 in Tisbury and December 5 in Edgartown.

Liz mentioned the Boy Scouts may be interested in helping to detail the gravestones in the revolutionary section of the west side cemetery. This would be a big help in getting everything mapped. Jen said she does have a map that contains a blow up of the area that she will get to Liz.

**Budget:**

Jen brought up that we had missed the deadline for getting in budget requests, but that other than the seasonal payroll, the rest of the operating expenses should be sufficient for the next year.

The seasonal salaries were also discussed. Mike Smith works from May to September which meets the seasonal requirements. Dennis works April to November some of this time is part time. There was discussion on how to create one seasonal position into a part time year round