

MINUTES

PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

DECEMBER 2, 2013

Present: Richard Olson, Chairman, Greg Howe and Ann Wood.

Absent: Charles Westcott, Mark Collins and Rev. Jim Cox.

Also Attending: Doug Johnstone, Town Clerk, and Tony Lemme, Cemetery Superintendent.

1. Minutes: The minutes for the November 4, 2013 meeting were approved.
2. Approval of Cemetery Plot Sales: Our Town Clerk presented two sales to be approved, as they duly were.
3. Alden Street Old Section, Hamilton and Gifford: The proposal was approved that we should pursue contracting with MCC (for under \$5,000) to obtain a study and recommendations regarding fallen or at risk stones. This could then be the basis for one or more applications to the CPC for preservation grants. The initial MCC study is to be paid from the Expendable Portion of the Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

Mr. Slavid of MCC has indicated that he will need whatever we have in the way of plot plans for the Cemeteries, and Doug Johnstone undertook to furnish him with the cyber mapping which has been accomplished, together with photos of in-need stones which Lynn Martin has been making.

Tony Lemme raised a proposal for some railings along the roadways within the active portion of the Alden Street Cemetery, citing incursions upon burial spaces by snowplows and heedless driving and parking by auto drivers. Perhaps the railings around Winthrop Street Cemetery could be a model, and perhaps installation just at corners would suffice to mitigate the problem. Mr. Lemme will try and get some cost estimates from DPW and see what they might be willing to do without our having to go further into

the Expendable Portion or go to Town Meeting for an appropriation; this would likely not be eligible for CPC funding.

As to the suggestion for some tree planting in the newly laid out section, we will wait for spring when we have cost estimates for plantings.

4. Columbarium: Improvements to existing section: Doug Johnstone reported that we will have cost estimates for a tree barrier and other plantings at the next meeting.
5. Winthrop Street Restoration Project:
 - (a) It was reported that MCC's contract for Phase 2 (the preservation of gravestones), including the change order, has been completed and their final report received.
 - (b) It was reported that Michelle Jerusieuvicz has begun work on the RFP For design work for Phases 3 and 4.
 - (c) Nothing new to report on fund raising for the Smallpox Memorial.
6. Cemetery Finances: The latest monthly report from the Director of Municipal Finance was distributed.
7. Other Business: Tony Lemme reported that a Mr. McGuigan of the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum has made a request that the memorial stone recently recovered and replaced in the family crypt be loaned to the Museum for inclusion in an up-coming exhibit. The memorial is for one who was lost at sea, as would respectfully explained by appropriate signage. Some debate ensued and a decision was postponed until next months meeting.

Ann Wood brought up the question of doggie bag availability. Tony Lemme suggested we contact CASAS, and Ms. Wood undertook to do so.

Tony Lemme brought up the problem of a footpath that has developed in connection with the Standish Street dead-end. It develops into an ugly trench from storm-water run-off and needs re-filling and some sort of signage and fencing. We will consult further with Mr. Lemme on this problem.

The date of the next meeting was set for January 6, 2014.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard B. Olson,
Chairman, and Secretary pro tem.