

MINUTES
PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 3, 2015

Present: Richard Olson, Chairman, Greg Howe and Susan Avellar.

Absent: Kurt Reynolds, Jack Kiefer and Jim Cox.

Also Present: Doug Johnstone, Town Clerk.

The Meeting convened at 2:05pm.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the November 5 2015 were approved as amended.
2. Cemetery Plot Sales: Doug Johnstone presented one sale of a cremation lot, which was approved.
3. Winthrop Street Cemetery Restoration, Phases 3, 4 and 5: The Chairman reported that Michelle Jarusiewicz assured him the Invitation for Bids is nearly prepared and will be very soon sent out.

Doug Johnstone reported on a recent walk-through with Americorps personnel and Rich Waldo and other DPW personnel in anticipation of the annual clean-up later in the month. Americorps promises that if they cannot finish the job then, they will return in March.

4. Gifford and Hamilton Cemeteries: The Chairman reported that Michelle Jarusiewicz has not yet been able to start on an Invitation for Bids for monument conservation.

Doug Johnstone reported that the Police and Fire Departments have signed off on our re-installing the barrier to through traffic on the access road through the Gifford. If we give the go-ahead, DPW will do the re-installation.

5. Alden Street Cemetery Old Section: With the MCC Needs Assessment now in hand, the Chairman is writing a Grant Application to the Community Preservation Committee for \$40,000 to cover Priorities 1 and 2 in the MCC report.
6. Alden Street New Sections: Doug Johnstone reported that DPW's Eric Larsen has promised removal of an unsightly contractor's storage bin next to the DPW garage facility.
7. Cemetery Finances: Nothing new to report except another generous donation of \$250 to the Cemetery Gift Fund from Fanizzi's Restaurant. The Chairman will write Paul Fannizzi to express our gratitude.
8. Brochure Project: The Chairman reported happily that Amy Whorf McGuiggan is well recovered and busily putting finishing touches on the text.
9. Regulation Regarding Gravestone Rubbing: Reported that Doug Johnstone and the Chairman will appear at the Board of Selectman's meeting on December 15 to present this and the regulation concerning pedestrians in the Cemeteries after dark for BOS approval.
10. Speeding on Cemetery Road: The chairman reported that he and Kurt Reynolds appeared at the BOS Traffic Hearing and obtained a decision for a 15 MPH speed limit signs to be placed either end of Cemetery Road.

Susan Avellar reported a move afoot to get bicycles off Conwell Street by routing them up and down Cemetery Road. Our consensus was that it would be acceptable to us if Cemetery Road would be made one-way.

11. Other Business: In the absence of Jim Cox, we have no news on the letter he was drafting to Gately Funeral Home concerning their requests for the setting up of Town furnished chairs at funerals and DPW employees to act as pall-bearers.

It was noted with regret that this will be Greg Howe's last meeting with us, at least for now, as a member of the Commission. The greatest appreciation was expressed to Greg for his ever-diligent service since the Commission was re-established in 2008. Now we must cast about for a worthy replacement.

12. Next Meeting: Set for January 7, 2016 at 2:00pm. at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Olson,
Chairman and Secretary pro tem.