

MINUTES OF : Meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners

MEETING POSTED: YES

DATE: 12/16/2009 TIME: 2:00pm PLACE: Kennedy Service Bldg

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brewster Conant, Bill Klauer, Barbara Walsh

ALSO PRESENT: Shawn O'Malley, Allura Overstreet, Bob Condon, Gay Rose

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 3:05pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 11/10/2009 meeting was canceled due to lack of attendance, rescheduled for 12/9/2009 which was also canceled due to a snow storm.
- The Town Report is due on December 31st, 2009. Bill Klauer will email it to Allura to add statistics and post it on the Town's "O drive" as requested.
- There is a FY2009 Purchase order open, would the Commissions prefer we close it out or keep it open? The commissions have no objection to keeping it open.
- The 10/28/2009 minutes were accepted and signed as presented.
- Gay Rose and her son-in-law Bob Condon have an issue with the "unsightly view" from her lot. They have proposed either a cedar 8' fence to cover approximately 120-160 feet, or a bunch of conifer trees to be planted in the spring. The Commissioners will consider the costs of both proposals and get back to them with their answer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Barbara Walsh was officially appointed as the new Cemetery Commissioner to fill the vacancy left by the death of Les Gerhardt.
- Maryellen Burns, owner of Lot 79 Section 8 Woodlawn would like to donate a flowering tree to be planted in center of lots 79,80 and 81. After much discussion the Commissioners will decline the gift offered so that they might plant another appropriate planting of their own choosing. However something permanent will be planted such as a small shrub or perennial of some sort. Mr. Klauer will draft a letter to advise her of their decision.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

Next meeting scheduled for: 1/13/2010

November 6, 2009

Acton Cemetery Dept.
472 Main St.
Acton MA 01720

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you to request that you grant me permission to purchase a flowering tree to be planted in the cemetery at the junction of lots 78, 79, 80 and 81.

My husband and I purchased this lot in 1978. When our stone was placed we planted a small shrub on either side of the stone. The powers that were then removed the shrubs and we were told that they didn't want shrubs planted next to the stones.

Since then as you can see there are many, many shrubs planted on the side of stones in the cemetery. In between our lot and lots 78, 80 and 81 there is a square of ground where some years you plant a few flowers, some years you plant nothing and this year you planted a sunflower. This looked terrible. I have enclosed some pictures to show you.

I was requested to not make this request until the end of this year in order to see if I liked the sunflower. I do not. Therefore I want to donate a flowering tree that would be planted in this spot and hopefully make this place look better.

I understand that you would have to plant the tree, at a cost to me and a cost to care for the tree. Please let me know of your decision before spring .

Thank you,

Maryellen Burns

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