

MINUTES OF : Meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners

MEETING POSTED: YES

DATE: 9/10/2008

TIME: 2:00pm

PLACE: Kennedy Service Bldg

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brewster Conant, Les Gerhardt, William Klauer

ALSO PRESENT: Shawn O'Malley, Allura Overstreet, Barbara Walsh

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:10pm

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bartlett would like to make a proposal for a self-funded public garden in Mt. Hope Cemetery (attachment). Shawn has suggested a triangular piece of land that has no grave potential, located on S8 surrounded by Lots 141,142,134,135,137,138. After a long discussion the Commissioners would be open to the concept but would like to see a landscape plan with a narrative detailing the types of plantings as well as how the lot will be maintained now and forever. Possible choices for later discussion include a single contribution to the Per-Care fund, or a separate trust fund set up with a specific amount for the maintenance of the garden.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dean Charters request for funds to assist in the painting of Mt.Hope Chapel and the hearse house. Brewster Conant would like more time to go over reports from the town, possible discussion at the next meeting 10/8/08.

After a tour of the facilities at Woodlawn on 8/28/2008, Town Manager Steve Ledoux would like the Commissioners to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that they are in favor of a new equipment storage building in Woodlawn. There are currently 2 open article in town each for 100,000 for buildings at Mt. Hope and Woodlawn. They would like to combine the two to get one building in Woodlawn. Motion made, seconded, passed. Les Gerhardt will sent a letter to the BOS.

Raymond Farrer would like to address the Commissioners and Mrs. Walsh regarding Mr. Walsh's interment. Mrs. Walsh showed, Mr. Farrer never did.

Commissioners asked about the status of the "No Dogs in the Cemeteries" issue before the Select Board. Nothing has been received as yet.

Commissioner discussed monument preservation and cleaning having received an offer from The Boy Scouts. Mr. Klauer would like to research how Concord is proceeding with their restoration project as well as the possible use of CPA funds for the project. He would also like to draft a "master plan" for the yearly maintenance of the stones. All of this to be discussed in future meetings.

Bill Klauer noticed that the wooden gate at the Hearse house is missing, Shawn stats that the gate had rotted and fallen off, he will make a new one and reinstall it in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:15 pm

Next meeting scheduled for: 10/8/2008

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Brewster Conant

Les Gerhardt

William A. Klauer