

DOVER CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

Meeting opened at 8:30 am in the office of the Building Inspector located in the Dover Town Hall.

Attendance – Bill Herd, Pope Hoffman, Carol Jackman, and Walter Avallone Interim Building Inspector.

PURPOSE of the meeting was to discuss the problems the Cemetery Commissioners are having regarding Dover Farms and the commitment they made to the Cemetery Commissioners regarding the planting of trees along the stonewall between the two properties. Bill Herd brought the plans that had been given to the commissioners for the building inspector to review. (Plans are on file in the library also.) After a long discussion and informing Walter Avallone of the many attempts the Commissioners have made to get a firm commitment from Dover Farms as to when the plantings will at least be continued, it was hoped that he would be able to put some pressure on Dover Farms. It should be noted that Dover Farms has been requested to replace the dead trees that have already planted. It seems that the quality of the trees being planted are of a lesser degree than what we thought had been in the plans. Please note that Pope Hoffman has contacted Michael Hanson and that Michael Hanson has not got back to him as promised.

The commissioners understand the cost of planting these trees and realize that they need to sell homes in order to plant. It should be noted that two homes have been sold and no further plantings have taken place. Dover Farms also has two other homes under construction and it has been stated that one of them is already sold.

The reason the commissioners are really pushing the issue is because there was an agreement (not mentioning completion of homes) in the original plans. Citizens are coming to visit their deceased and are complaining to us about the appearance of the Dover Farms area. Funerals are held and visitors comment on the condition of the construction area. Families came in over the weeks prior to Memorial Day and have complained about the appearance. One family stated that they never would have bought a lot in Highland Cemetery if they knew it was going to look like it does now. Their lot is up in the back by the big pile of dirt. Even if the pile of dirt were leveled a little it might not look so bad.

The Interim Building Inspector Walter Avallone has agreed to assist in whatever way he can. Remember it is the Building Inspector that issues the Occupancy Permit.

Meeting closed at 9:30 am. Next meeting November 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm.