

DOVER CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2015

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of the Town Garage

Attendance - Pope Hoffman, Laina Swiny and Carol Jackman.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015 were approved.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Tedesco attended the meeting to present their plans for a bench and a headstone for their eight grave plot. They plan on ordering the bench from Swenson Granite and the headstone from Natick Memorial Works. The Commissioners explained that they would need to file an application for their memorials. Paul Tedesco also suggested that Highland Cemetery apply to be registered in the State Historical Register. Chairman Pope Hoffman said that he would like to look into the process.

Copies of payroll and bill warrants were signed.

Two deeds were presented for signing: Norman R and Loretta M. Kurtz, 32 Miller Hill Road, Dover for Lot 36, Block F, 4 grave and Marguerite Gurekian and Vahan and Patti Gurekian, 1 Bretton Road, Dover for Lot 2, Block F, 4 grave. Each paid \$1,600 for the four grave lot and \$6,000 for Perpetual Care.

A bid was received from Strawberry Hill Landscaping & Irrigation, Inc. for the 2015 Fertilizer Program. After reviewing their bid it was SO VOTED to have them do the Early Spring Fertilizer and Weed Control Application at a cost of \$1,805. Because the Ground Maintenance account only had \$832.57 left in the budget it was SO VOTED to take \$1,000 from Perpetual Care account and the balance from the Ground Maintenance account. A discussion was then held regarding organic weed control and if it would be something we should think about in the future. It was noted that the cost this year would have been \$2,605 and that it would take a number of years to take hold. There was a discussion then as to deer protection.

The headstone issue was revisited and SO VOTED to put a hold on the 6 grave size. Rusty would be asked to attend the next meeting to go over the various sizes. The Commissioners SO VOTED to accepted the headstone for the Kelleher plot and that Carol would notify Matt. Carol will also contact Natick Memorial Works regarding various sizes of memorials.

The meditation garden was finalized for the Selectmen's meeting April 9th with a proposed letter from Highland Cemetery and a copy of the letter that Ed Tourtellotte wrote.

Rusty did not have a report for the meeting, but it was noted that the back gate needs to be closed.

Meeting closed at 7:45 pm. Next meeting will be April 28, 2015 at 8:00 am at the Town Garage.

Attachments to these minutes are on file in the Cemetery Office.