

CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
DENNIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX

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PRESENT: Diane Rochelle, Terri Fox, Boni Heleen, Jane Stevens, Greg Rounseville, Deputy
Director DPW

GUESTS: Paul Curtis, Charles McGibbon

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.

- I. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Paul Curtis, Paddock family descendent vacationing here, is cleaning stones at Paddock Cemetery. He noted deteriorating infill at base of marble stones and tree roots are problems that should be addressed. The cemetery will be mowed and the cost of Deborah Paddock's broken stone is being reviewed. Mr. Curtis generously donated funds for the repair last year. Charlie McGibbon will re-spray burial stones in West Dennis Cemetery. He thanked DPW for their response in cleaning storm damage there.
- II. **MINUTES:** June 25, 2019 minutes were approved as received. July meeting canceled by storm.
- III. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:** water issues at three cemeteries are being addressed. Tornado storm damage is still being removed from the cemeteries, especially West Dennis Cemetery, but no stones were damaged in any cemeteries. Family lot limit regulations were again reviewed and the committee still recommends keeping the rules as they are, using exception review when appropriate. Oak Ridge Cemetery Master plan was funded by May Town meeting; the procurement procedure is being reviewed.
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Cemetery Collaboration with other Cape Cod towns** - a list of towns to invite will be reviewed next month. Planning for fall workshop continues.
 - Waiver of Burial Fees for Indigent Dennis Residents** - on a motion by Jane Stevens, seconded by Boni Heleen, it was unanimously approved to recommend acceptance of guidelines to waive burial fees for indigent Denis residents.
 - Cemetery Repairs, Cleaning and Surveys** - Diane is cleaning stones at Howes Cemetery in preparation of a Howes Family Association Tour at 2 pm on September 27.
 - Status of Burial Stone Repairs at South Dennis Cong. Church Cemetery** - NE Gravestones repaired stones and will be returning in the fall to infill and clean them.
 - Liberty Park Cemetery** - engineering plans are proceeding; public outreach & tour will be considered when appropriate
 - GIS Gravestone Link Project** - continues
 - Dennis Conservation Land Trust walking trail proposal** - no info
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:** none
- VI. **UNANTICIPATED BUSINESS:** None
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Next meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Rochelle