

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16, 2017

New Castle Cemetery Trustees monthly meeting at New Castle Town Hall, 3.30 p.m.

Present: Jim Cerny, Holly Fraumeni, Terri Golter, Carol White,

1 - The July minutes were approved.

2.1 – There are no changes in the budget as no bills have been received from Mike.

3.1 – The Menger family are interested in purchasing lots 39,7 and 39,8 in Oceanside. Jim will find out when they lived in New Castle to confirm they are eligible to purchase the lots.

4.1 – Jim has had no response from Tim Griffin about him digging where the ground penetrating radar indicated the urn of Suzanne Chance might be buried.

4.2 – Mrs. St. Germaine has signed and returned the registered letter receipt she received about her tree which has fallen down into the Marvin Cemetery. However, she has done nothing about the problem. Terri will call her and try to meet her in the cemetery to discuss the problem.

4.3 – Re: Laurie Clark lot in Riverside which has been sold to Fedeli. Jim will contact Valerie Sobel to see if she would consider selling us back her lot which is adjacent to Laurie Clark's lot.

4.4 – Jim has received a letter from the town attorney regarding the legality of accepting the private Clark Cemetery into the Riverside Cemetery. Here are his recommendations:

1. Ms. Clark submits to the Town any information the Town needs to make the decision whether to accept the property. (E.g. survey, plan)

a. We will want a title search on this plot/property to make sure there are no liens, encumbrances or other owners.

2. The Selectboard submits this to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for non-binding review and recommendations.

3. Upon receiving the recommendations from both the PB and Cons. Comm., the Selectboard schedules the first public hearing.

a. Notice of the hearing must be posted at the Town Hall, website and one other public place.

b. The public must be allowed to speak on the issue at the hearing

4. Between 10 and 14 days after the first hearing, the Selectboard must hold a second public hearing.

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5. Between 7 and 14 days after the second hearing, the Selectboard must vote on whether to accept the property.

a. Conditions can be imposed at that time, such as: "Move to accept and acquire the _____ [Clark burial plot] upon the condition precedent that the Clarks cover the cost of moving and extending the Riverside Cemetery fence to encompass this plot." etc.

6. If the BOS votes affirmatively, a quit claim deed from Ms. Clark and any other owners of that property, to the Town, with a place for the Selectboard to sign its acceptance, should be drawn up and recorded.

a. The deed will specify that the property is to become part of the Riverside Cemetery, along with any other conditions, specifications the Town wants in the deed.

7. The required Dept. of Revenue Administration (DRA) forms must be filed with the state, even though this is a gift.

4.5 – The Flores family has contacted us about buying additional lots in Oceanside. We have said that according to our Rules and Regulations, he can only purchase a maximum of two lots. He seems to be OK with that.

4.6 – The Burns family filled out paperwork to purchase lot 4,1 at Oceanside. Unfortunately, it was already sold. Jim will call them about perhaps changing their purchase to lot 4,3.

5.1 & 5.2 – No new information on the Thomas Tarbell gravestone in Riverside or the date for the Jared Maddock burial.

6.1 – We noted all the dead grass around the gravestones in the Frost Cemetery which Craig Strehl killed when he used Round Up on it without permission.

6.2 – Holly will check on a new sign for Riverside stating the hours the cemetery is open to the public and other rules.

6.3 – Carol contracted Rainscape and met them at Oceanside recently. Rainscape fixed the lack of water problem and didn't charge us for the work. A piece of gravel was stuck in the pipe which kept the water from coming out.

Misc – Terri will tell Mike to stop mowing the cemeteries because the ground is so dry and the grass has stopped growing.

Margaret Kimball has recently died. She was the current holder of the Boston Post Cane in New Castle.

Jim will call Amy Palmer Gworek and Becky Schlieper about possible burials.

Next Meeting: September 20 at 3.30 p.m.

Carol White, Secretary