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Minutes of the public session of the Hampton Cemetery Trustees meeting on Tuesday July 10, 2018.

PRESENT Mary Blackwell, Chairman
Susan Erwin, Trustee
Maryrae Preston, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Frederic Welch, Town Manager
Brain Chevalier, Sexton
James Hunt
Stacy Noyes

At 6:00 PM, the Cemetery Trustees convened a duly notice public session in the second floor of the Hampton Town Office.

On a motion made by Trustee Chairman Blackwell to accept the public minutes from the June 5th, 2018 meeting, with provisions made to revise and correct minute's section 6) to read as follows "Chairman Blackwell suggested that the Sexton Chevalier bring with him at each meeting the number of grave sites sold/deeds written each month, number of burials each month, and any incidents reported during the month", and the time meeting ended " " seconded by Trustee Susan Erwin, the Trustees voted unanimously in favor (3-0-0).

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Town approved the increase in cost for gravesites. Selectman have held the required hearing and approved the cost increase.
- 2) Sexton Chevalier discussion on time waiting period for the Town to take over three cemeteries discussed at prior meetings.
- 3) Betty Benjamin, George Ave. Trees infringing on her property need to be addressed.
- 4) Sexton Chevalier concerns on a Bull Pine that needs to be removed, and that other Bull Pines are rotting in other parts of the cemetery as well. The Bull Pines in the old section should be removed sooner than later with rot from possible ant infestation. The Tree Warden Chris Jacobs will be contacted to look at the trees that need to be taken down.
- 5) Sexton Chevalier said the new road is coming along fine and hopefully should be hot topped next year. Packing down well and suggest a 2nd new road to be proposed for next year's budget.
- 6) Sexton Chevalier met with a couple families in regards to formerly purchased lots in the cemetery and relocation to the new section. All parties satisfied.
- 7) Sexton Chevalier has a company coming to give a quote for grub control.
- 8) Sexton Chevalier continues to work in detail on the record and filing system for past and present graves sold.
- 9) Chairman Blackwell brought up a discussion on the sequencing regarding how the new deeds are written.

The Trustees agreed to have James Hunt continue to do payroll in Sexton Chevalier absence. A motion was made by Trustee Susan Erwin and second by Chairman Mary Blackwell, the Trustees voted unanimously in favor (3-0-0) to have James Hunt continue to do payroll in the Sexton absence.

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- 10) Discussion to enforce cemetery regulations and get the cemetery cleaned up; removal of person items. The Sexton is speaking with individuals, as this needs to be addressed.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Sexton Chevalier suggests a couple additional workers for next season for the spring and fall clean-up.
- 2) The Town came and brought the big mower to maintain the large section of the cemetery and it looks good.

On motion made by Chairman Blackwell and second by Trustee Susan Erwin, a 1900 cemetery seal found at the Cemetery building will be donated to the Hampton Historical Society to be displayed at the Hampton Museum on Park Avenue and the Trustees voted unanimously in favor (3-0-0).

- 3) Discussion to put in the budget for next year the money for a survey to establish a crematorium garden. Smaller lots with flat markers only, that will allow lots for folks who do not need the large lot, as they will be burying cremation urns.
- 4) Discussion to prepare warrant articles to obtain Cemetery Trust Funds to address maintenance issues in the cemetery, that will not be possibly included in the proposed budget.

On a motion made by Trustee Preston to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Erwin, Trustees voted unanimously in favor (3-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Blackwell, Chairman
For the trustees