Town of Chebeague Island

Cemetery Committee Meeting

Monday Oct. 27, 2008

MONTHLY MEETING 3rd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
At the Chebeague Library @ 3pm
Next Meeting November 17, 2008

Minutes
Present: Dick Calder, Martha Hamilton, Lynne Priest, Deb Bowman, Gail Miller.

Call to Order by Deb Bowman @ 3:07.

Approval of Minutes: unanimous

Communications:
1. E-mail from Judith Walsh Pinette regarding her grandfather’s plot. She would like to eventually be buried there with him wants to transfer the deed to her name. She has the original deed. Dick thinks this has been done and that there is a form to fill out. Dick will take the letter to Dianne and get it taken care of. We think, at this time, there is no administrative charge to do this, but that we ought to think about having one.
2. An e-mail from Susan Gayle from Ancestral Ties asking for an electronic listing of burials in Chebeague Cemeteries for her genealogical data base. She’s working toward preserving history. Martha and others have created the Red Book which alphabetically lists everyone buried at the Chebeague Cemeteries. It is not up to date at this time and is not available electronically. Deb will communicated this to Susan Gayle. There is also a record being kept by the Historical Society. We need to check with them to avoid duplication of effort.

Treasurers Report:
Treasurer Lynne Priest presented a year end report from last fiscal year. She also presented a year to date report showing among other expenses the purchase of the new mower. Lynne and Deb presented the TOCI the Cemetery budget with our annual $5000. stipend and the request for an additional $4000. for a new mower. The new mower was purchased and was a better deal than Dick’s estimate. We paid $2609.00 leaving $1391. surplus. Lynne will check the warrant article, but thinks that we are unable to use the surplus. Dick says they will need a new trimmer but this can come out of the annual stipend.
Deb suggested that we keep a copy of the warrant articles for our files. Deb will get these.

There was a continuing discussion about what percentage of the sale of plots would go to the Perpetual Care Fund (PCF) (the state mandate is at least 30%). We decided that all members of the committee should be present for the discussion, but it was suggested that the committee recommend to the selectmen that 100% of the sale of plots would go to the
PCF. It was further suggested that the committee recommend that the administrative fees should be put into the operation of the cemetery account. Interest generated is to be used to procure additional land and for operation of the cemetery. It was decided to table this issue again to next meeting.

Dick reported on the installation of the “old” Cemetery sign. It should be hanging by next meeting. He also reports that the new mower is great and that the water line has been turned off and drained for the season.
Dick also talked with Scott Seaver about the additional land in back of the cemetery near the transfer station and Scott suggested he get Mark Dyer and other interested selectmen to go and look at that land and come up with a plan of how to develop it for future lots. The Town of Cumberland had dropped the ball in this regard. **Dick will contact Mark and others and make a visit to the site.**

**Deb will re-type the rules and regulations with the changes we made and circulate them for approval.**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gail Miller