Town of Chebeague Island

Cemetery Committee Meeting

Monday Nov 24, 2008

MONTHLY MEETING 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
At the Chebeague Library @ 3pm
Next Meeting December 15, 2008 (Cookies and Punch to be served)

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

Call to order by Deb Bowman @ 3:07.

Approval of Minutes: with corrections - unanimous

Communications:
Nancy Hackenburger Vachon asked to help with setting up a data base of all cemetery plots on Chebeague. Dianne Calder gave her the records she and Dick have dating back to 1973 and Nancy has copied them and will work with the Chebeague Historical Society to create an accurate data base. Nancy has been studying the geneology of her own family and has been using data bases from other cemeteries which makes it much easier to do research.
Dianne Calder took over as Chebeague Cemetery Superintendent from Ethel Ross in 1985. Ethel took over from Martin Hamilton. Dianne has been keeping records and sending copies of documents to the Town of Cumberland since she started and that is the extent of the official documents we have at this time. Diane talked with the Town of Cumberland and they said they have no records for the Chebeague Cemetery.
Deb Bowman brought out the Library’s copy of the “Red Book” which has a partial alphabetical listing of all stones/markers at the Chebeague Cemeteries. Deb thought that we could have a cemetery workshop some winter Sunday afternoon.
Gail will call Donna Damon to ask about the Hamilton kid who did some photos at the cemetery.
Lynne will be working on developing the technology to photograph and GPS track each and every stone at the Chebeague Cemetery. Good luck with that, Lynne!

Treasurers Report:
Treasurer Lynne Priest presented a report showing additional interest income, but no additional expenses since last meeting. Dianne presented a few bills to be paid. One was from the CTC for transportation of the new mower and some mowing charges.
Lynne had a copy of the Warrant Article from the 08-09 budget and it has “$9,000. for care of the cemetery” with no stipulations. The committee can purchase a trimmer and other necessary equipment with the $1391. left over from the purchase of the mower.
Old business

Dick talked to the Town Administrator about cemetery procurement of the town land adjacent to the dump and he told Dick to get together with some of the Selectmen and look it over. **Dick will work on this.**

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. **Deb and Lynne will get together before the next meeting and come up with a proposal to present to the rest of the committee which can then be presented to the Board of Selectmen.** It was decided to table this issue again to next meeting.

Deb e-mailed a portion of the Rules and Regs with corrections and would like feedback. Deb will continue to work on this document.

Dianne mentioned a phone call she got from Bob Storey from the Cumberland Cemetery about having two accounts – one for the Perpetual Care Fund and one for the administration. Lynne says there are two accounts on paper, but one account where the actual money is. There is a Cemetery check book for all of the Cemetery money. The Cemetery account is a sub-account of the Town. As far as we know only Scott Seaver can sign the checks.

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

Respectfully submitted by Gail Miller