Town of Chebeague

Cemetery Committee Meeting
October 24, 2016

Present:
Gail Miller, Donna Damon, Ann Thaxter and Beth Wiles

Review Cemetery Minutes
Due the lack of a quorum minutes for August, September and October were tabled until the next meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

A. Cleanup recap
   10 People attended the October cleanup. Ann was very pleased with the attendance and many projects were accomplished including chainsaw work and getting rid of debris. Cider was provided by Laurie Curtis and Donuts by Mac and Beth. With this great success, it was agreed by committee members to have a spring cleanup in May 2017

B. Carole Fuller burial request
   Carole Fuller has requested burial for herself and her parents. The request is for cremation in a grave site on the Alwilda Hamilton Sweet and the Lewis Ross lot. After much discussion it was decided that a policy for such request should be drafted and presented to the Town Selectmen for approval. The necessary policy and procedure should contain but not limited to the following:
   - A formal written request/ form by the person
   - A public notice should be posted on Bev's website, Town’s website and public places on the island giving anyone who has concerns a time frame to voice such concerns

   Donna agreed to work on this policy and present a draft at our next meeting.

C. Tree Removal
   Ann will get bids for removal of three white pines as well as stump removal / grinding. The proposals will be part of our budget.

D. Fee for Bo to help probe for burials
   Ann explained the occasional need to probe a grave site to make sure it does not have existing remains. This procedure clarifies the location for the burial on the lot.
Ann indicated that Bo has always been available to assist her when she has needed him and that she was concerned that he was not being paid for this service. The committee agreed that Bo should submit an invoice to the Town for his time.

E. Fee for cremation burial changes
   Fee for cremation burials should be standard. “Buy back” should include charge to turn back plot and also include review and probe if necessary.

F. Fee to TOCI for issuing new deed
   After discussion members of the committee recommended a $30.00 cost to change/transfer a cemetery deed.

3. Ron Romano visit. Friday Nov 4, 2016 –Linda Grant
   Ron Romano, an expert in Cemetery stone work will be visiting the Island Cemetery with Linda Grant on Nov 4. He is very interested at reviewing some of the stones in hopes he will be able to identify some of the early carvers.

4. New Business:
   Old Century maps and documents were turned over to the Town by Michael Hamilton. These documents had been in the procession of Michael upon the death of his mother Martha Hamilton. Marjorie Stratton the Town Administrator has signed a temporary custody receipt to transfer these for safe keeping to the Chebeague Historical Society.

   With no other business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be at 4:00 Nov. 28 in the Firehouse conference room,

   Action Items:
   Donna Damon will work on a draft for a policy regarding burial requests.