TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ~ CEMETARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date  September 26, 2017 PM

Attendance Beth Wiles; Binkie Boxer; Laurie Curtis; Donna Damon; Jane Frizzell; Kendra McKinnon; Ann Thaxter

Approval of August Minutes Binkie moved and Jane seconded and the motion passed that we accept the minutes with additions written from last meeting.

Expense Worksheet Update

The worksheet was reviewed and deemed accurate.

Superintendent’s Report

Instead of visiting nearby island cemeteries, Ann will talk with other superintendents regarding policies. She will attend the Maine Cemetery Association on October 19th.

Ann agreed to talk with Marjorie Stratton about making a public reminder regarding the removal of vases, urns, and non-plant decorations customarily completed during fall cleanup. She also noted deer are currently partaking of Cemetery geranium blossoms!

Ann informed the committee that Chris Stilkey is here this week and that she is checking off his daily progress on the list we prepared for him. She agreed to add the Weagle grave to his list and that she will make note of any additional work Mr. Stilkey is doing above and beyond what’s on list. She will also talk to him about using the Cemetery’s tractor for the Annie and Simeon Hamilton’s gravesite.

Although Ann has not heard from either Lapoint or Fuller regarding their requests, she will contact them next week.

After an explanation by Ann, Donna moved the committee recommend to the town a standard fee of $60 for digging a cremation burial. Kendra seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Ann will talk to Marjorie.

Some discussion ensued regarding adding rebar to cremation sites to aid in verifying burial sites.

Review of Changes in the Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Laurie agreed to pick up new copies of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations from the town for all members dated August 2017.

Cemetery Ordinance Discussion

Everyone agreed the document is satisfactory and no discussion is necessary at this time.

Town Web Site
Donna said information about our committee can be found under Boards and Committees and includes the Cemetery Ordinance, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, and names of the Superintendent and Committee Members with term dates. (Note: The email address for the town office is deputyclerk@chebeague.net.)

**Resigned Cemetery Committee member replacement**

Beth will make sure our current vacancy due to Marianne Durgin’s resignation is publicly posted.

**Review Calendar Dates for 2017-2018**

It was agreed that the committee will continue to meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 PM going forward but we will not meet in October. Beth will inform Marjorie Stratton and Deb Bowman that we will not meet Halloween night so that this fact appears on both the town website and the monthly calendar.

**Chairs**

Laurie noted for our record she has signed a confirmation letter and mailed this to Toby Webb regarding the 20 folding chairs on permanent loan to the Cemetery Committee from the Chebeague Island Historical Society.

**Halloween Scavenger Hunt**

Donna moved we contact the town to notify the Rec Center to exclude the Cemetery from the Scavenger Hunt on Halloween out of concern for the instability of markers, the safety of individuals, and respect for the dead. Laurie seconded this motion that passed unanimously. Beth will inform Marjorie and Tracy Calder.

**Next Meeting is November 28 at 6 PM**

**Action Items**

**Ann** agreed to talk with Marjorie Stratton about a public reminder regarding the removal of vases, urns, and non-plant decorations in October.

**Ann** will contact Lapoint or Fuller regarding their requests.

**Ann** will talk to Marjorie about a standard $60 fee for digging a cremation burial.

**Beth** will make sure current vacancy due to Marianne Durgin’s resignation is posted.

**Beth** will inform Marjorie Stratton and Deb Bowman that we will not meet Halloween night and will inform the town of posting dates of future Committee meetings.

**Beth** will inform Tracy Calder to remove a visit to the Cemetery from the Scavenger Hunt on Halloween.
Laurie will type and copy for all a list of members, their telephone numbers, and email addresses.

Laurie will pick up copies for members of Cemetery Rules and Regulations dated August 2017.

Kendra will review the Cemetery Committee as it appears on the town’s website and bring recommendations to our next meeting.