



Riverside Cemetery Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Room

Welcome

Roll Call

Public Comments

Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2017

Request to Purchase Lots

Tom & Beth Burrage

Deborah Sangster Schonbak

Laurie Tuchman

Request for Buy-Back of Lots

Jennifer Marshall, Section NI Lot #35

Russell & Elizabeth Smith, Section CC Lot #41

Next Meeting

Adjournment

Public Participation at Meetings

Persons wishing to address topics on the agenda may do so following introduction of the item by the chairman and prior to Trustee discussion. Any person wishing to address the Committee shall signify by raising their hand. When recognized by the chairman the speaker shall give his or her name and/or affiliation. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person. The time may be extended by a majority vote of the Committee members present.

Persons wishing to address topics not on the agenda may do so following the roll call and review of the agenda by the chairman. The chairman shall ask if there are any members of the public who wish to speak. Any person wishing to address the Committee shall give his or her name and/or affiliation. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person. The time may be extended by a majority vote of the Committee members present.

In the event there is a topic of interest to many persons or if the Committee wishes to solicit public comment on a particular issue a separate meeting or public forum may be scheduled. Rules of the meeting or forum will be discussed by the Committee and published prior to the meeting or forum.

Decorum

Persons present shall not applaud or otherwise express approval or disapproval of any statements made or actions taken at such meeting. Expressions of approval or disapproval may be intimidating to others who wish to speak.



**Riverside Cemetery Committee
DRAFT Minutes
Thursday, April 6, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Town Hall – William H. Jordan Conference Room

Welcome

Roll Call

Present

Jessie Timberlake, Chairman

Gerald Sherry

Sharon Smarc

Debra Lane, Town Clerk

Public Comments – No members of the public were present.

Citizen Contact via Email

Albert & Marcia DeSantis – Debra Lane received an email from the DeSantis' regarding overgrown Alberta Spruce trees on their lot. Ms. Lane will contact public works and further review the condition and location of the shrubs. The town will work families to remove plantings that are not keeping with the rules, overgrown, encroaching on adjacent lots or impeding a burial. Whether fees are charged is subject to the amount of work required and whether loam and seed have to be added to restore the grass. Ms. Lane will contact Mr. & Mrs. DeSantis following the discussion with public works.

Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2016

Moved by Sharon Smarc and Seconded by Jessie Timberlake to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2016 as written.

(3 yes) (0 no)

Request to Purchase Lots

Gary E. & Carolyn L. Lawsure

Moved by Gerald Sherry and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to approve the request of Gary & Carolyn Lawsure to purchase two lots at Riverside Cemetery. The approval was based on long-term past residency (1968-2009), raising 5 children who attended schools K-12. The Lawsure's moved to a retirement community and the move was not too long ago - 8 years.

(3 yes) (0 no)

Tracey Mezzanotte

Moved by Jessie Timberlake and Seconded by Gerald Sherry to regretfully deny the request of Tracey Mezzanotte to purchase lots for her and her husband, who passed away suddenly, and her sister. After careful and compassionate consideration the lack of residency was the reason for denial. Debra Lane will contact Mrs. Mezzanotte.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Request for Buy-Back of Lots

Denise Jalbert, Heir of Jeanette Giroux (MP-K Lot ##13, 14, 15, 16)

Moved by Jessie Timberlake and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to approve the request to buy back 2 of the 4 lots (MP-K Lot ##13, 14, 15, 16) originally owned by Jeanette Giroux, now in the possession of the only child, heir Denise Jalbert. Ms. Jalbert will eventually be buried in the second lot therefore not needing the third and fourth lots. Debra Lane will work with Ms. Jalbert to determine which lots will be used.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Addition to the meeting agenda: Election of a chairman.

Moved by Gerald Sherry and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to elect Jessie Timberlake as chairman for 2017.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Ms. Timberlake asked how often the town reviews the cost of purchasing a lot. She suggested and Ms. Smarc and Mr. Sherry agree they'd like to review lot purchase prices later this fall.

Next Meeting

The committee meets as needed.

Adjournment

Moved by Jessie Timberlake and Seconded by Sharon Smarc to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.
(3 yes) (0 no)

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk

3 Tanager Dr.
Topsham , ME 04086
June 20, 2017

Dear Riverside Cemetery Committee Members,

We are seeking your approval to purchase a cremains lot at Riverside Cemetery. Although we are not current residents, we both have strong family ties to Cape Elizabeth and, between us, a total of 13 relatives buried at Riverside. We were both born and grew up in the Portland area, graduated from Colby and moved back to Maine when we retired two years ago.

Beth has nine relatives buried at Riverside: her parents, three grandparents, two aunts and two uncles. Beth's father was born and grew up on the Cape. Her grandparents, aunts and uncles were all longtime Cape residents.

Tom's aunt and uncle took him into their Cape Elizabeth home after his parents died in a boating accident while he was in college. He lived with them from 1967-1970. We visited them frequently and celebrated every Thanksgiving and many Christmases on the Cape for over 45 years. His aunt and uncle are buried at Riverside along with his aunt's parents.

We'll be happy to furnish any additional information you may need. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Tom & Beth Burrage
btburrage@gmail.com
207-406-4815

Untitled

To the Town Clerk

My name is Deborah Sangster Schonbak. My husband Raymond Schonbak and I were married Aug 20 1972 in the Spruwink Meeting House. I grew up in Cape Elizabeth, with my parents Carol and Phil Sangster, Garden Lane in Cape Elizabeth. My Grandparents Richard and Jeanne Holden Lived across the street and are now buried in Riverside Cemetary, next to The Spurwink Meeting House.

For many years my husband and I had a burial plot next to my grandparents, Richard and Jeanne Holden. My husband and I moved all across the USA and also lived in Europe for a time. Several years ago we decided to sell our burial plot, as we were living in San Diego California. After 42 years of marriage we felt if one of us were to die we would be buried in California where the remaining spouse would be living. If we knew what would happen next, we never would have sold our burial plot back to the town.

Unfortunately, life had a different plan. My husband got pancreatic cancer. He died 3 years ago. He was cremated. I have his ashes with me. I decided to move to Savannah Georgia where my Mother and Father had moved from Maine many years ago. Unfortunately after I moved to Savannah and built a new home my parents both died.

Now I wonder, when I die, where will I be? Where will my husband be? The only place that made sense to me, was to "go home". Go back to Cape Elizabeth, to The Surwink Meeting House, where my wonderful husband and I married. where my grandparents are

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buried.

I will be cremated (when I die) and my husband already is cremated. I really wanted to be in one cremation size grave with one head stone,for both of us.... together for all time.

Reading the towns rules,it sounds like my husband and I can not be buried together.

Is that correct ?

Since I now live in Savannah georgia,can I rebuy a burial plot?

I'm not sure how all of this works. So am I allowed to buy one or two burial plots?

If I were allowed to buy two cremation plots could our ashes be intermingled and could my husband and I be in the same container ?

Thank you for trying to help me figure out what to do.

Im coming to Maine this summer, I think in August, so I could come by and do whatever is necessary.

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*Ordered MP-F lot #20, 5/28/1985.
Approved buy-back 7/6/2009*



Debra Lane <debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org>

Re: request for plots at spurwink cemetary

1 message

Laurie Tuchman <ltuchman@me.com>

Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 11:44 AM

To: Debra Lane <debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org>

Thank you debra, we would like to run it by the committee anyway, as we don't have anything solid yet as far as purchasing. I'm sure it won't be a problem. Have a great day! Laurie

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Debra Lane <debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org> wrote:

Hi Laurie,

Thank you for passing along this information.

If you are purchasing property in Cape Elizabeth, once you purchase you are able to buy lots without having to apply to the cemetery committee. You may even purchase before the committee meets again.

If it's okay with you, let's hold off until you purchase property and then proceed. There are lots available so no worries about a sell out before you are ready.

Sound okay?

Thank you.

Debra

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 11:36 AM, Laurie Tuchman <ltuchman@me.com> wrote:

dear debra,

i was the one who popped into town hall yesterday with a question about arranging for plots at the spurwink cemetery. you asked about my affiliations with cape elizabeth, so here they are... my parents bob and nancy masterton moved to delano park in 1961, i attended and graduated from cape elizabeth schools, got married in my parents home in delano park, returned for the following 43 years every chance i had with my husband and children.

both of my parents are buried at spurwink as are many family friends and school friends. my husband and i have resided in florida for the past thirty years and feel it is time to look

to our future. we are in the process of purchasing property in cape elizabeth, and would like to be sure our final resting place is there too. hope this isn't too macabre!
you mentioned bringing this to committee, and we respectfully await your reply. thank you for your time.

Laurie Masterton

Tuchman

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Debra Lane <debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org>

Cemetery plot

1 message

jennifer <jennifermarshall1@hotmail.com>

Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 9:09 AM

To: "debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org" <debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org>

Hello Debra,

I'm following up on our phone conversation from last week.

As the widow of Arlan Marshall I would like to sell his cemetery plot back to the town if that is possible. I understand that you need to find out if his former wife's stone impedes on his plot. Thank you for all of the information you provided me and for considering my request. I will wait for your response.

Jennifer Marshall

Sent from my iPhone

Sector VI #35

Riverside Cemetery Committee
P.O. Box 6220
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107


October 28, 2016

To Whom it may Concern:

My wife and I purchased two lots (CC 41 & 42) in Riverside Memorial Park of which we paid \$400 for each lot. We currently do not need both and would like a "Buy Back" from the Town (Lot CC 41.) We will retain the other lot (CC 42).

Attached please find the original deed dated 15 September 1998.

Thank you for your consideration.


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