

**PEMBROKE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**June 9, 2010**  
**Minutes**

Present: Patricia Bonenfant, James Garvin, VJ Ranfos, David Richards (chair).

1. Chairman Richards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Town Hall.
2. The minutes of May 12, 2010, were approved.
3. The Commission discussed Gerard Fleury's reply to secretary Jim Garvin's inquiry regarding the possible availability of Perpetual Care funds for repairs at Pembroke Street Cemetery. The Commission had asked whether any Perpetual Care funds "might be unconnected to specific lots, and thus available for general repairs in Pembroke Street Cemetery." Mr. Fleury wrote, "you ask about whether funds can be used generally from the perpetual care account. As you may know, we do have a distribution ratio where, in cases where the entire cemetery is maintained, such as lawn mowing, perpetual care picks up a small percentage of the cost. . . . Other than that, I'd need some legal precedent to fall back on or, in my opinion, the law does not allow for it." Given that the three storm-damaged monuments in Pembroke Street Cemetery are not listed among the known Perpetual Care endowment funds, and that the three stones predate the establishment of Perpetual Care in 1888, the Commission concluded that Mr. Fleury's summary precludes the availability of Perpetual Care funds to assist with repairs or the cost of storm cleanup.
4. The Commission discussed the damaged stone boundary walls at Pembroke Street Cemetery near the Whittemore Homestead. It was suggested that we should get bids for rebuilding the fieldstone sections that were collapsed by the impact of trees, and for re-setting the split granite coping stones on top of the fieldstone walls, and then refer these bids to David Jodoin. The Commission observed that repairing the walls will require limited access to Whittemore property, and that we should seek permission for such access. Jim Garvin agreed to send a list of stone wall builders to VJ Ranfos. A list is attached to these minutes.
5. Jim Garvin reported that he had retrieved his notes from 2001-2 to search for information on the family of Brevet Major William H. Appleton for Grace Forest, who has asked for any information we can produce on the family, which has a brick tomb in Evergreen Cemetery. Dave Richards and Pat Bonenfant asked to have copies of any information that Jim may locate.
6. Chairman Dave Richards reported that David Jodoin had contacted him about two flags in Evergreen Cemetery that needed to be replaced. Dave replaced the flags, reported their replacement to David Jodoin, and left four new flags with Linda

Williams at the town office in case other weathered flags should need quick replacement.

7. The Commission noted that we have used essentially all our new veterans' flags and need to reorder flags. The last order was from Jerry's Flag Shop in Providence, Rhode Island. In 2007, the town purchased two gross (total of 288) 12" by 18" spearhead flags. The Commission recognizes that this year's cemetery budget has been exceeded due to the cost of cleaning up storm damage at Evergreen and Pembroke Street Cemeteries, and that we will have to obtain permission from the board of selectmen to place an order. The new flags should be in hand before Memorial Day, 2011.
8. The American Legion has offered to replace any worn 4' by 6' flags in Evergreen, Pembroke Street, and Buck Street Cemeteries, but the Commission is responsible for halyards, cleats, and other rigging for the poles.
9. VJ distribute a list of recent cemetery plot purchases and burials. There were three burials.
10. VJ reported that the Palmer lot at Pembroke Hill Cemetery needs a veteran's flag. Jim Garvin will locate the lot and place a flag there.
11. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Town Hall.
12. On a motion by James Garvin, seconded by Patricia Bonenfant, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James L. Garvin  
Secretary

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