

**PEMBROKE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**August 10, 2005**  
**Minutes**

Present: Gerald Belanger (chair), Nancy Foster, James Garvin, Emile Lacerte,  
David Richards, Robert Richards

1. Chairman Belanger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Town Hall.
2. On a motion by Nancy Foster, seconded by Bob Richards, the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2005, were approved as written.
3. Secretary James Garvin reported that he had written to Stephen DeAngelis regarding possible membership in the Cemetery Commission as an alternate member, but had received no reply by mail or telephone.
4. Emile Lacerte reported that payment for Lots 12A and 12B in Evergreen Cemetery, as recorded in Item #11 of the minutes of July 13, 2005, has been completed. Town Clerk James Goff has recorded the sale of these two lots.
5. Nancy Foster reported that she and her son have treated most of the chain swags at Buck Street Cemetery with a rust consolidant purchased by the Director of Public Works. The treatment appears to work well. The Commission will monitor the durability of the coating.
6. Nancy Foster reported that there is litter and evidence of loitering at the southeast rear corner of Buck Street Cemetery, adjacent to the Fish & Game Department lot. She also reported that the individual marker for Josie Langmaid is loose and could be stolen.
7. Chairman Belanger inquired about progress in the town's renting a machine with a brush hog to clear the sprouting shrubs along the rear wall of Pembroke Street Cemetery. Emile Lacerte reported that Hooksett Rental can provide either a Kubota tractor with a brush hog arm or a walk-behind brush mower. At this point, the Public Works Department lacks the staff to clear the sprouting brush, but may be able to do the work in a month or two.
8. James Garvin gave Chairman Belanger a packet including all the Cemetery Commission's correspondence regarding a possible *cy pres* action in Probate Court. Dave Richards offered to deliver a second copy of these materials to town administrator Troy Brown.

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9. Chairman Belanger reported that there will be a meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, with town counsel, Mitchell & Bates Professional Association, to review a possible *cy pres* action.
10. Chairman Belanger asked Emile Lacerte to request that Walter Norris prepare a drawing of the front fence proposed for Evergreen Cemetery to show to town counsel on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
11. James Garvin reported that he had not yet contacted Chief of Police Wayne Cheney regarding the possible posting of hours at each cemetery, as reported in Item #6 of the minutes of July 13, 2005, in order to give the police authority to evict loiterers from the cemeteries. Chairman Belanger offered to contact Chief Cheney.
12. Chairman Belanger reported that Susan Bussiere of 21 Union Street inquired about possible vacant grave sites in the Lea lot in Evergreen Cemetery. Emile Lacerte will call her and discuss the matter.
13. Emile Lacerte raised the issue of tributes and mementos being left on graves and creating an unkempt appearance, affecting adjacent lots. Dave and Bob Richards mentioned instances where food and other perishables have been left on graves. Jim Garvin noted that the Commission has discussed the issue on previous occasions and recognizes that this new method of mourning is a national phenomenon. Chairman Belanger noted that the matter is not addressed in the cemetery regulations in the current Town Code, and that the only way to deal with the issue will be to petition the Board of Selectmen to hold a public hearing and amend the code.
14. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at a place to be announced (probably Town Hall).
15. On a motion by Dave Richards, seconded by Jim Garvin, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James L. Garvin  
Secretary