

## **PEMBROKE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING**

**October 11, 2006**

### **Minutes**

Present: James Garvin, Emile Lacerte, David Richards (acting chairman).

1. Vice-chairman Richards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Town Hall.
2. On a motion of Emile Lacerte, seconded by David Richards, the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2006, were approved.
3. David Richards distributed the spreadsheet of perpetual care cemetery funds for Evergreen Cemetery created by Amanda Mate. He reported that Town Administrator Troy Brown has a copy of the sheet and will discuss the matter of perpetual care funds with the town counsel.
4. In response to Emile's observation that many cemetery shrubs around town are extremely overgrown, Jim Garvin distributed copies of the current cemetery regulations. If the Commission wishes to amend these regulations to allow the removal of overgrown shrubs, we will have to submit our recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Commission agreed that amendment of the cemetery regulations should be a priority item for 2007.
5. Dave Richards noted that he will speak with Gerard Fleury regarding the idea of having Pembroke Academy students update the plans of the town cemeteries. Jim Garvin noted that the Commission had suggested a similar project in the summer of 2004, and had received a favorable reply from Pembroke Academy headmaster Michael Reardon. He offered to send copies of that letter to Mr. Richards, for him to share with Mr. Fleury.
6. Emile Lacerte reported that he had placed a notice in the Pembroke Town Newsletter soliciting new members of the Cemetery Commission and inviting prospective members to contact him. The Commission thanked him for his initiative.
7. The Commission noted that veterans' flags are to be removed from town cemeteries after Veterans' Day, November 11, 2006. Emile offered to remove flags from Pembroke Street Cemetery and store them in the hearse house. Dave Richards will do Evergreen and Buck Street Cemeteries. Jim Garvin will do Old and New North Pembroke Cemeteries, as well as Abbott, Richardson, and Pembroke Hill Cemeteries.
8. Emile has learned of one veteran's grave in Pembroke Street that is not marked. The Commission will need to order new veterans' flags and flag holders. Jim Garvin reported that the Commission has previously found the best prices at Jerry's Gob

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Shop in Fall River, Massachusetts. He offered to try to get a current catalogue from that supplier to compare with local prices.

9. Emile distributed the proposed future prices for burials and burial lots in Pembroke. The Commission discussed the method of obtaining approval of these new fees. Jim Garvin offered to research the method that was used the last time the fees were raised and report the process to Emile.
10. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Town Hall.
11. On a motion by Jim Garvin, seconded by Emile Lacerte, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James L. Garvin  
Secretary