BELLINGHAM CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2017
Municipal Center – Arcand Meeting room

FC opened the meeting at 3:15 pm on December 21, 2017

FC read the Public Hearing, submitted on November 30, 2017, to discuss modification to Town Cemetery Regulations in regards to expenses. The committee will amend the regulations by adding to Section I a paragraph 9 which states:

The Committee has no obligation to buy back unused graves or columbarium niches. Upon request from a grave or niche owner to sell back the grave or niche the Committee will vote whether to buy back the unused grave or niche. Any grave or niche owner submitting such a request to sell back a grave or niche must deliver to the Committee a signed copy of the deed and other documentation that clearly defines the exact location of the grave or niche and the purchase price paid at the time of purchase. The Committee may at times approach grave owners to see if they are willing to sell back graves if it is deemed in the Town’s best interest to do so. Grave owners are under no obligation to sell back graves to the Town. In any case when the Committee elects to buyback a grave or niche the buyback price shall be no more than the amount paid by the grave or niche owner at the time the owner purchased the grave or niche.

The proposed modifications will amend the charges for disinterment as follows:

Disinterment fees proposed under regular DPW hours proposed for modification:

1) Urn at Niche, per urn disinterment, proposed fee $100, current fee $50
2) Earth burial disinterment - current fee $50, proposed fee $400.
3) Infant niche or burial, fee currently not listed, proposed fee zero.

FC asked for additional comments from members. None offered.

JH motioned to close the hearing. AB seconded. The motion passed.

Accept Minutes of September 14, 2017

JH motioned to accept the minutes of September 14, 2017 as presented. AB seconded. The motion passed.

Oak Hill Cemetery

DD commented that the database and mapping is not complete, and that Legacy Mark has not provided a quote to date. The committee, led by DD, discussed revision to availability of graves at Oak Hill. DD provided a map showing the proposed road infringes on a section of proposed grave sites. DD recommended omitting 2 rows along the roadway and the same number on the up side, for a total of 16 graves. This leaves a viable rectangle area of graves. DD recommended that the committee does not consider the upper section as saleable sites until after the April meeting, suggesting the committee visit the area for an understanding of tree locations and a proposed road.
The committee discussed the road placement and possibly removing some trees in the area. DD cautioned that the map doesn’t show a viable placement of the road. DD stated he will inform Legacy Mark to proceed adding the discussed lower section to the database, and include the upper section, for future use, although not for sale now.

FC inquired about ground penetrating radar at Scott Cemetery; DD noted that Legacy Mark does the database, not the radar. FC commented that some graves have been sold. DD mentioned the importance of getting the database up to record these and subsequent sales.

FC asked the committee for additional comments before moving to the next agenda item. No comments received.

ZERO funds received from Union Cemetery in 2017

DD stated the Union Cemetery had been invoiced and payment had not been received to date. The yearly fee is $1400. FC asked for an additional reminder to the Union Cemetery Committee, stating the committee only meets once a year. DD stated a revised invoice to include the upcoming year’s fee will be sent.

Scott Cemetery

The committee discussed the addition of a road behind the columbarium as discussed at the September site visit. JH suggested the road behind the columbarium to add interest to the back portion of the columbarium and enhance sales. JH commented on using the ground penetrating radar to be sure the road placement is viable. JH suggested using the radar in a second area (on the left side, from the nearest entrance to Pulaski Blvd) for a future site of a columbarium. The committee discussed the cost of the radar is $4000 per day and using it in several areas to determine potential future use. DD mentioned the DPW has an upcoming need and the possibility of sharing the service and cost. The committee discussed the location and position of future columbarium and road. FC proposed to hold a discussion for a future Phase 4 columbarium at Oak Hill or Center Cemetery to serve the families in the North of Town. The committee discussed areas in Oak Hill for potential columbarium site. FC mentioned that other towns are looking to Bellingham in regards to setting up columbaria.

FC commented that DD and the Parks department did a phenomenal job in getting the Depot St Cemetery back into a presentable condition.

FC asked for additional comments. DD added that everything is on hold until it is determined where graves are located. FC will bring photos of the National Cemetery columbaria for the next meeting.

Sawyer Monument Relocation

DD stated a letter will be sent in the spring to inform the owner that the monument at Scott Cemetery must be relocated. FC explained that the monument is out of sync with the layout of this section of the cemetery. The monument placements are set to unify the appearance and to facilitate the opening and closing of graves.
Sales, Relocation, & Buybacks

FC stated that at Oak Hill, the Keirstead family had asked to move an infant to the family grave and has decided not to move the infant, however wants to know where to place a marker. The committee discussed the difficulty in finding the location due to the age of the grave, the poor records, and the small size of an infant casket. JH suggested that the deed and map that was given to the Keirstead family be brought to the next meeting; visiting the site and extending an invitation to the family to join the committee at the cemetery. AB commented that he visited the site several times, however due to the size and lack of markings, it couldn’t not be determined where the graves were located. FC requested a copy of the Biggs deed, whose grave is adjacent to the Keirstead grave(s); requesting that if a deed for the Biggs family cannot be found, to contact the family for a deed. JH addressed the audience to explain that the committee’s confusion is a result of having just taken over the cemetery last year with limited information about the location of graves. FC asked if the ground penetrating radar could be used in this area; DD replied that is has already been done. FC suggested that the area in question could be excavated manually and due to the size and age of the infant grave, would have to be done meticulously and by hand. The committee questioned that suggestions, citing concerns about the size of the area. FC alternatively suggested that the marker be placed in the center of the grave(s) regardless to where the actual grave is located. The committee discussed the question of whether the parents plan on being buried in that area. If yes, due to the unknow location of the babies’ graves, it is possible that the graves will be disturbed. FC requested that the Keirsteads be asked of their intentions before the next meeting.

Gravesite & Niche Sales, Activities, and Monuments

FC read the statistics of sales since the last meeting (as below):

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DD stated a veteran’s marker was received earlier in the day. BS confirmed it was the Marcotte marker. FC inquired about the current fee for placing a veteran’s marker. DD stated per regulations there is no fee. FC stated that other cemeteries charge $200-$400 to place a bronze veteran’s marker because it needs to be set in concrete; and suggested the committee hold a future discussion about their fee structure. JH and DD disagree with any changes to the regulations in regards to charging veterans. FC stated that Veteran’s Association will reimburse the Town for the purchase of a veteran’s niche. The committee agreed no changes to the current regulations in regards to fees for placing veteran markers maintaining a zero cost.

Schedule Next Meeting April 2018

The committee discussed the date for the opening meeting for 2018 in April and to adjourn to the Oak Hill cemetery. DD mentioned the ground penetrating radar will not be done by the next meeting. FC pointed out that Town cemeteries are closed as of November 1st, although the gates remain open until January 1st depending on the weather. The gates may be chained off after Christmas day, for safety reasons. FC closed out the year by asking DD to commend the Parks Department for their care of the cemeteries, stating they have never looked as good in all the years he has been with Bellingham;
thanked DD and BS for their support of the committee and help to the families purchasing lots; thanked the committee for sharing this strong year and welcomed AB to the cemetery board. FC commented on the progress of getting better records of the cemeteries. JH thanked DD and BS for the support. FC thanked TG for filling in for BS. FC wished everyone a happy holiday.

_JH motioned to adjourn the meeting and to hold the next meeting on April 17, 2018 at 3:15pm. AB seconded. The motion passed._

_FC adjourns the meeting at 4:15pm._
BELLINGHAM CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018
Municipal Center – Arcand Meeting room

Members
Francis Cartier  Chairman
Alan Bogan  Vice-Chairman
James Haughey  Member at Large

Attendees
Donald F. DiMartino  DPW Director (Ex. Sec. to Cem Com)
Tina M. Griffin  DPW Clerk – Recording secretary

Mr. Cartier called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

Mr. Cartier asked for a moment of silence for Yarmouth Police Officer, Sean Gannon that was recently killed in the line of duty and his K-9 Partner, Nero that is recovering from injuries sustained during that same incident.

Election of Officers for 2018
Mr. Cartier turned the meeting over to Mr. DiMartino for Officer Recommendations.
Mr. DiMartino asked if there were any recommendations for Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Haughey made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Cartier as Chairman of the Board. His motion was seconded by Mr. Bogan and passed.

Mr. Cartier took back over this portion of the meeting and asked for a motion for Vice Chairman.
Mr. Bogan made a motion to appoint Mr. Haughey as Vice-Chairman of the Board. His motion was seconded by Mr. Cartier and passed.

Mr. Cartier then asked for a motion to appoint a Member at Large. Mr. Haughey made a motion to appoint Mr. Bogan as Member at Large of the Cemetery Committee. His motion was seconded by Mr. Cartier and passed.

Accept Minutes of December 21, 2017
The committee reviewed a draft of the minutes from December 21, 2017. Mr. Haughey made a motion to accept the minutes, as submitted. Mr. Bogan seconded and the motion carried.

Union Cemetery Annual Maintenance Status
Mr. DiMartino noted that payments for the maintenance of Union Cemetery have been received for both 2017 and 2018. Payment in the amount of $2,800 ($1,400 per year) was received on February 13, 2018.

Mr. DiMartino also stated that the Union Cemetery’s Annual meeting is early in the year and bills should be sent by January 2nd every year, in order to insure timely payment. A calendar reminder to mail the invoice in January will be set up.
Gravesite & Niche Sales, Activities and Monuments

Mr. Cartier discussed the recent purchases of 1 Niche at Scott Cemetery and 2 Grave purchases at Oak Hill Cemetery. The Interment at Oak Hill Cemetery will take place this coming Friday, April 20, 2018.

Mr. Haughey mentioned an application that was sent in from the Roy family to purchase a Niche at Scott Cemetery Columbarium 3. The Roy family has sent in their application and payment for a Niche but has not received a deed. Mr. Cartier noted that he would be in contact with Barbara Sooklal in the morning and will update Mr. Haughey on the application status after confirming with Ms. Sooklal.

Mr. DiMartino noted that the DPW does not have enough work for the Ground Penetrating Radar contractor as of yet. Therefore, no investigate with GPR was scheduled for the Scott Cemetery possible columbarium expansion to the south.

Oak Hill Cemetery

Mr. DiMartino updated the Committee on the Mapping Database for the Oak Hill Cemetery. The database has been set up on Ms. Sooklal’s and Mr. DiMartino’s computer. They are however waiting for the revised graves for sale area layout to be added. This should be done this week.

Mr. Cartier told the Committee that advertisements should be placed on local Cable television to let people know about the Cemetery decoration removal. All Cemetery decorations will be removed no later than May 7th, in order to prepare the grounds for Memorial Day.

Mr. DiMartino told the Committee that he will contact the Bellingham Bulletin newspaper to get pricing for advertising in the newspaper as well as local Cable television and town news web posting.

Mr. Cartier discussed the removal of benches at the Oak Hill Cemetery due to a vagrant living on the benches. A notification has also been given to the Police Station about this situation so that the Police can monitor this area in their travels. This topic can be further discussed at the Cemetery when this portion of the meeting adjourns and continues at the Cemetery site.

Mr. Cartier asked if there were any updates on the Biggs family and if they were able to locate a copy of their Deeds. As of this time the family has not been able to locate their Deeds. Mr. Cartier asked if it would be possible to check with the family again and see if they have any other pertinent paperwork, such as a receipt or cancelled check to show proof of their purchase. Mr. Cartier suggested to “table” this discussion until the next meeting when Ms. Sooklal can be present to update the Committee on any details she may have about the Biggs family and their purchase.

Schedule Next Meeting
Mr. Haughey made a motion to schedule the next meeting for July 19, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Bogan seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Haughey made a motion to adjourn this portion of the meeting at 3:53 pm and to continue the meeting at the Oak Hill Cemetery.
Adjourn to Site

The Committee will adjourn this portion of the meeting and will continue with the Agenda while on site at the Oak Hill Cemetery.

The Committee members and Mr. DiMartino reconvened the meeting at the Oak Hill Cemetery at 4:10 PM and met Mr. John Keirstead. The maps prepared after ground penetrating radar (GPR) were reviewed. GPR did not detect any burials in this area and the adjacent monuments also seem to indicate the area is vacant of remains. After a brief discussion it was decided that the four graves noted in the 1967 deed would be located in a two by two pattern with the center of the gravesite plot being approximately fourteen feet six inches south (towards Hartford Ave) of the existing veterans marker for Robert Hunt. Markers provided by Mr. Keirstead were installed. Mr. Haughey made a motion to define the Keirstead grave location as noted, Mr. Bogan seconded and the motion carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding the establishment and construction of a road near the back parcel. Several large pine trees would need to be removed. There was also discussion about abandoning the road concept and extending the new grave site area to the north adjacent to the North Cemetery area. Some trees would need to be cleared, stumps removed, and soil leveled to establish this additional grave site area. No vote or action was taken to move forward with road establishment or grave site area expansion.

The Committee reviewed possible locations for a rules and regulations bulletin board. After brief discussion Mr. Bogan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Haughey to place the bulletin board in front (north nearer Hartford Ave) of the granite post located roughly between the North and Oak Hill Cemetery area.

The Committee reviewed the area of the cedar tree as the location for a future columbarium. Mr. DiMartino will try to draft a sketch based on the GPR records collected in this area so that planning can move forward. The cedar tree looks to be in poor condition and will need to be removed. The possibility of adding a flood light to a utility pole that would provide some level of light for the columbarium was noted.

Mr. Bogan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cartier to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin
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&
Donald DiMartino
Bellingham Cemetery Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2018  
Municipal Center Arcand Meeting Room

Members:  
Francis Cartier (FC)  
Alan Bogan (AB)  
James Haughey (JH)  
Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Member at Large  

Attendees:  
Donald F. DiMartino (DD)  
Barbara Sooklal (BS)  
Nancy Cole (NC)  
Melanie Nickerson (MN)  
DPW Director (Ex. Sec. to Cem Com)  
DPW Clerk – Recording Secretary

FC called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm on September 20, 2018

FC asks the committee to review the minutes of April 17. JH noted he found no problems or issues with the minutes at this time.

FC asks BS to update the committee on Oak Hill Cemetery on information that wasn’t available at the April meeting. BS stated the Biggs family deed is on the agenda to be discussed.

JH motioned to accept the minutes of April 17 as written. AB seconds. The motion passed.

Website Update – Sample Photos for Review

FC asks for discussion on the website update. BS stated the Town has a new website. The Cemetery Committee agreed to have pictures taken of the Town’s cemeteries. BS discussed having the pictures uploaded to the website to make it more welcoming. Also proposed is a photo book which will be available at the DPW office while discussing the burial in attempt to make the process warmer. Sample of pictures were presented to the committee. FC commented the printed pictures were dark; BS assured the committee that the digital files were a good quality. The flash drive has not been delivered at this time; BS asked the photographer to put his signature on the photos. BS had given the invoice to FC.

JH commended BS for the work on this project and personally thanks her for the initiative. JH asked if the pictures would be available to the public to print off the website. BS replied that would be possible for anyone. FC asked if the Rules and Regulations can be included in the back of the book. BS replied in the affirmative. JF: suggests a plot plan be included. BS welcomes suggestions and commented that this is a beginning step and can grow. FC suggests plan of the columbariums to show which niches are available to include niche numbers and/or family names. FC asks if this book was to give to the applicant; BS replied it was not; it will be used in the office only. FC mentioned that will help people understand. FC commented that BS did a wonderful job. FC asked for a motion to go forward with the project.

JH motions that BS continue with the website update and photo book with whatever she feels is best and the committee will take care of the costs. AB seconds the motion.

AB asked about the last pictures. BS stated the last pictures were included to show the committee that the photographer has an eye (has talent) and explains that the gravesite is someone with whom the
photographer went to school. AB referred to the decorations and storework commenting that they must be removed. The committee briefly discussed the removal of decorations. AB commented that they would like those pictures excluded to which BS replied that no pictures of a specific grave will be included. DD commented that the focus shouldn’t be on any one grave. The committee agreed. FC mentioned that a difficult and heavy conversation came back at us through Facebook about the grave in this discussion (and the changes the committee was requiring). FC had the opportunity to view the conversation. FC stated that we must understand that when a family is under duress that our regulations and actions to implement them may not be well received. He went on to say that we can’t allow to do for one because we would need to do for all.

JH suggests that the pictures, with the name blocked out, could be used to show people what not to do. BS stated that this is just a sample of the pictures and will not be published without board approval. The committee discussed having the pictures uploaded before the December meeting so it could be approved at the meeting. JH suggests that the link to the pictures be sent so the board can review before the meeting. DD commented that only suggestions can be made outside of a meeting, and that approval cannot be given until the next meeting.

*FC called for the vote. The motioned passed.*

FC introduced Nancy Cole and Melanie Nickerson and opens the floor to their discussion. The family has three plots at Scott Cemetery. NC explained that her brother is buried in one of the graves. She stated that the area floods and water puddles on the graves. She also stated that the (Town issued) grave marker is cockeyed. FC mentioned the stone doesn’t include the base. MN that the family decided to only purchase the die and the base will be purchased when her mother passes. NC questioned if a base was present; FC stated it looks like a foundation may have been placed to hold the stone. FC suggested that the grounds could be leveled until the base is installed. FC asks if the family would like the marker to be moved. MN replied they would like it moved to the side and refers to the pictures she brought that the committee was viewing. FC explained the use of the foot markers. MN questioned that the markers are in the road. FC explained that the markers were at the edge of the road. FC explained that upright markers were not allowed 10 years ago and that markers started being used to designate where bodies are buried. MN questions the position of the Sawyer monument. DD stated that the Sawyer needs to be moved however the committee hasn’t started the process yet. DD explained that the marker was installed before the monument and can be easily be moved. MN discussed her clean up efforts to maintain her father’s grave stating the area is all stone and nothing can grow. FC suggests that the board members meet at the cemetery to view the area. MN showed the committee the pictures she took on her phone. The board discussed the photos explaining that the entire area is full of stone. MN commented that the lawnmower leaves tire tracks over the grave because there is no grass. FC asked if the photos can be forwarded to BS so the committee has them on file. FC will discuss the situation with Parks who do the maintenance. MN discussed the washed out debris after rainfall that collects in the area of her graves. FC invited MN and NC to the December meeting to discuss the progress. The committee also discussed the excess amount of rain this season. FC stated that this cemetery does not have full time staff to maintain the cemetery. It was discussed that families maintain their own graves. MN asked if the mowing of these three graves can be left to her. FC asked for input from DD. DD stated that a discussion will be had with the Parks Department, and stakes can be placed while the grass is coming up, however after the grass is established the Parks will mow the area.
Discuss overtime charges & time limits (cut off time for weekends)
The committee discussed how local cemeteries set time limits for weekend interments and fees. FC suggested setting Saturday time frame to noon and set the cutoff time to 2:00 pm. FC warned that if a time frame is not stipulated, families could request any time of the day. DD states the current regulations do not state a time limitation. JH asked if a public meeting is required to make these changes. DD replied that a public hearing at the next meeting is required however will consult with Town council; the Committee should be able to vote on the changes at the next meeting.

DD suggested is to simply set a time limit by stating no interments after 2:00 pm on any day. FC explained that Sundays traditionally were a day for non-sectarian, non-Catholic funerals. With a stated time frame, these families and others coming in from out of state will be better informed. DD discussed that labor costs are covered regardless of when an interment is held so the suggesting additional charges is not necessary. The committee continues to discuss setting a time limit. DD explained that there are no time limits set for any day; the regulations only state at what time the overtime rate starts. DD read the regulations Article 4 which stated that all interments must arrive by 2:00 pm and all services must be completed by 2:30 pm (to avoid an overtime charge). DD suggested removing the line about the overtime charge which will change the statement to mean no activity after 2:30 pm and should be carried through to include every day of the week. DD will draft the changes to the regulations and a hearing will be held at the next meeting.

JH commented on the Rules and Regulations stating that monuments should have a base. BS will check records to see if the family contacted the DPW before placing the monument. FC discussed the removal of monuments placed without authorization. DD countered that the liability is too great, and the equipment is not available. It was suggested that the family relocate the stone at their own cost. JH asked the committee to ask BS to contact the family to ask which company installed the monument then send a letter stating the need to work through the DPW.

FC discussed having BS visit the cemeteries at some time to because she is the one meeting with the families.

Gravesite & Niche Sales, Activities, and Monuments

FC read the sales of gravesites and niches and cemetery activity. JH inquires about the Roy family niche purchase. BS will look into this and report.

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Oak Hill Cemetery

DD discussed the Database Mapping Status stating the initial database has been completed but revisions were needed. Due to a complication with the phones, an update was not obtained. BS will contact Legacy Mark.
The committee discussed the Biggs deed which the family could not located. The committee was looking for the deed to help determine the actual location and size of the Keirstead family. FC suggested that the Keirstead deed be revised to include the updated size and location.

FC asked if the committee has other information to discuss. JH revisited the idea to put a road behind the columbariums. DD added that the road discussion is a follow up to the ground penetrating radar which is on hold due to cost. FC discussed there may be an alternative to the placement of the road.

FC calls to discuss the time of the next meeting, suggested December 27 at 2:00 pm. JH motioned to hold the meeting on December 27 at 2:00 pm. AB seconded. The motion passed.

AB discussed moving the bulletin board at Center Cemetery from the present location near the crypt to the back of the cemetery where there is more activity. AB stated that the decorations in that area are getting out of control and he believes posting the regulations in that area will allow more people to see them. FC agrees. JH recommends that the new area be marked out and the bulletin board moved.

FC discussed the decorations at the Bradbury decorations and how to approach the issue. AB stated the family has been notified. JH asked if there are fines stated in the regulations. DD questioned if it was worth adding fines to the regulations because to enforce a fine a police office would have to witness the act. JH suggested continuing the discussion at the next meeting. FC suggested giving one week to remove decorations or the committee will have the items removed. DD will consult with Town Council if it is necessary to present at the Town meeting to include Cemetery Committee regulations part of the Town Ordinances. This would place any fines under the Town By-laws instead of the Cemetery regulations.

FC asked for further discussion. AB questioned what the committee what to do with the old columbarium #1 panels left over from the revisions. DD stated that the cost to refinish the panels is more than purchasing new. FC suggested asking Ackerman's if they have any use for them.

FC asked for a motion to adjourn to Scott Cemetery to continue the meeting. AB motioned. JH seconded. The motion passed.

The committee reconvened the meeting at Scott Cemetery

They reviewed the Nickerson gravesite.

The monument is a slant type that does not have a granite base which is typical. The photographs made it appear to be an upright monument. It appears that the monument has a concrete base. The monument had no marking that would allow the Committee to identify the supplier/installer.

The location of the monument appears to be incorrect. Records need to be reviewed regarding the graves owned by the family and proposed interments which may lead to a need to relocate the monument.

The maintenance of the grave appeared no different than all other graves. Track marks mentioned were not visible near this grave or Sawyers.
The grave had decorations that are not in compliance with the regulations. A picture on porcelain was placed near the grave marker that would impede mowing. There was some mulch in place. There are permanent plantings.

A low area was noted in the road near the grave where puddle residual was obvious. The DPW will check elevations and see if some regarding of the road could minimize the puddle.

The committee discussed grave decorations in general as other graves have decorations that are not in compliance with the regulations. Items included to name a few: solar lights, plantings, landscape stones, permanent plantings, poorly maintained (flowers real and artificial). AB noted that the decorations at Center Cemetery were again getting out of control. FC indicated that some cemeteries allow families to place borders and maintain their own plots, noting St. Jean the Baptist on Wrentham Road allows this procedure. It was decided to discuss this further and consider an amendment to the regulations.

The potential route of the road behind the columbarium was discussed. FC suggested we build the road connection point on the south end further east going between old grave stones rather than a quick loop to the existing road. Available funds will be reviewed at the December meeting to see if we can afford ground penetrating radar as the DPW has no other areas in need of this special and costly procedure.

JH made a motion to adjourn second by AB, vote unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.