

NORTH YARMOUTH CEMETERY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
7/30/2014 – 3PM – TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM

AGENDA

- A. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
- B. APPROVAL OF 5/19/2014 MINUTES
- C. DISCUSS OF WHAT TO DO WITH OLD FENCE AT PINE GROVE
- D. OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 3PM. Members present, Joy Malloy – Chairperson, Richard Baston, Mark Heath, David Hyde, and Debbie Grover – Clerk.

Motion made by David Hyde to accept the minutes of the May 19th meeting as printed, motion seconded by Richard Baston.

Mark Heath also a member of the Historical Society briefly recapped the concerns of the Historical Society and their desire to keep as least a portion of the old wrought iron fence removed last month from the front of Pine Grove Cemetery. (See attached email from Katie Murphy. Motion by David Hyde to table discussions of selling the fence, till further information can be provided by the Historical Society to the Commission and to invite Katie Murphy (Historical Society President) to the next meeting of the Commission, motion seconded by Mark Heath.

Debbie Grover – Clerk provided the commission with the Annual Report of the Commission to be printed the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year 2013-2014. She also provided the members with detail spread sheets of the accounts status as of 6/30/2014. She and Clark Baston have had a preliminary meeting with Bill Walsh, from Walsh Engineering, on 7/25/14 to discuss the development of new ranges in Walnut Hill Cemetery; Walsh will be providing a Scope of Work for the Bi-annual meeting in October. A meeting with SGC Engineering, LLC is in the works too.

Bi-Annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6th at 3pm at the Town Office.

Motion made by Richard Baston to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by David Hyde. Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Allen Grover – Clerk

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Re: FW: Old pine grove fence

behalf of; North Yarmouth Historical Society nyhs@maine.rr.com

Sent: 7/24/2014 6:29pm

Hello all,

I would like to add my comments to this discussion. I apologize in advance for not attending the meeting, as I'm out of town for a couple of weeks.

We need to think hard about the fence at Pine Grove Cemetery. I strongly recommend that we do not let it leave town. We have lost other artifacts and buildings in North Yarmouth for various reasons and, in the case of this fence, we have a chance to make a clear-headed decision.

I respect the need for financing further cemetery expansion, but the fencing—including gate and posts—is a historical artifact that belongs here. Because we don't have an immediate use for it doesn't mean that we should sell it off.

A compromise is possible. My understanding is that a good deal of the Pine Grove fencing—at least 300 running feet—still exists. I recommend an inventory of all the fencing that we have, including any that may still be standing. Let's hold on to the gate, posts, and some running feet (I'm unsure how much), but separate out some of the fencing for sale.

I don't want to regret the loss of this old, beautiful fencing. The fact that it has a high value points to the fact that so much of it is gone forever from other locations. What we have right here in North Yarmouth is something that other towns have lost. Let's not join that list.

Best,

Katie Murphy

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