

## MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2003 MEETING

The monthly meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M. Present were Commissioners Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Alexander E. Corbett, III, Charles R. Johnson, Superintendent Robert P. Gardiner and Administrative Assistant Nancy T. Fay. Carolyn Bishop also attended as the League of Women Voters Observer.

The Minutes of the September 24, 2003 Meeting were unanimously approved.

Budget and Operations: To date this fiscal year there have been 43 burials and 1 infant burial. Of the total, 16 were cremations and 28 were non-residents. Revenue to date is \$40,885, about \$6,725 more than last fiscal year at this time.

Telecommunication Tower and Water Line: Chairman Cushman reported that the water line has been installed. Superintendent Gardiner to check with Mike Bishop to find out if the meter pits have been prepared.

The lease agreement for the communication tower with Tower Ventures II of Providence, RI has been written and will be executed when the time comes. The design will be presented to the Land Management Committee for review before going to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The design will be of a monopole style, not guy wire style.

There are several thoughts on obtaining the land for the new tower. The Town plans to execute a lease agreement for the land and/or obtain a license for a certain number of years.

T-Mobile USA has approached the Belmont Hill Club to put up a private communication tower on their property, but no decision has been made. Concern is that another tower so close to the Town's public safety communication tower would cause serious interference.

Land Management Issues: Chairman Cushman reported that Sue Bass and 15 other interveners have filed an appeal at DEP for the installation of the sanitary sewer line on the property. They contend that:

- (1) Failing to conduct a public hearing prior to issuing the Sewer Connection Permit on September 18, 2003 pursuant to 314 CMR 2.07.
- (2) Failing to adequately protect public health or safety in violation of 314 CMR 7.06 (the Town feels that a 5:1 removal rate would be more than adequate for sewage to be handled in the waste water system, but the interveners claim it should be an 11:1 removal rate).
- (3) Failing to obligate the Owner to remove I/I as opposed to contributing funds to ongoing municipal programs to remove I/I.
- (4) Failing to protect historic resources (i.e., cottages).

This is a serious problem for the Town, the Land Management Committee, the Cemetery Commissioners and McLean. Chairman Cushman is continuing discussions on this delicate issue with McLean. The appeal process may follow the same procedures as the Junction Brook Appeal which has taken five rounds and appeals over a two-year period. Other opinions are being considered.

Carolyn Bishop asked if the cemetery requires the sanitary sewer line and was told that we will have no building in Phase 1 and if, as and when the next Phases a building is constructed, composting toilets would be considered in lieu of private or public sewer.

Pricing Policy Discussion: This was put on hold for the time being because of the Appeal.

The next meeting was set for November 20, 2003 at 9:30 A.M. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexander E. Corbett, III, Clerk