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OCTOBER 23, 2002 - MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The regular 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 LWV Observer Carolyn Bishop. Resident Al Shea arrived for part of the meeting.

The Minutes of the September 18, 2002 Meeting were unanimously approved.

- I. Veteran Graves. A discussion of the existing policy for veterans' graves resulted in a decision to allow spouses to be cremated and buried in the same grave as their husband/wife. The Veteran must be the first burial and, at that time, the spouse must indicate a desire to be cremated and buried with his/her spouse. No other relatives may be buried in that grave. Chairman Cushman will notify Peter Karpowitz of this change in policy. Superintendent Gardiner will notify all known current owners of Veterans graves of this change. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and unanimously approved.
- II. Resident and Non-Resident Regulations. The Commissioners agreed in concept to change the existing three-year rule for non-residency status to a five-year timeframe. There will be a non-resident fee assessed for decedents who have not lived in the town or owned property in the town (according to records available from the Town Clerk and Board of Assessors) for the five (5) years immediately prior to death. This change in policy and the exact wording will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.
- III. Budget and Operations Superintendent Gardiner reported that Jeffery Currier has accepted a position in another department and will be leaving on November 18th. When official notification is received, Superintendent Gardiner will request an exemption from the Hiring Freeze. He also reported that FY03 is a 53-week pay period and only 52 weeks have been budgeted by each department.

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- IV. Communication Tower The RFP is in progress to design the tower. A decision has been made that the Town will not own the structure, but will just be a free resident. It is anticipated the RFP will be returned in 30 days.
- V. Water Line Chairman Cushman is to check with Peter Welanetz at Halvorson Company.
- VI. Land Management Committee Nothing new was discussed.
- VII. Design and Construction Nothing new was discussed.

The next meeting is set for 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 20, 2002. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexander E. Corbett, III, Clerk