

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 MEETING

The monthly meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M. Present were Commissioners Alexander E. Corbett, III, Charles R. Johnson, Superintendent Robert P. Gardiner, DPW Director Peter J. Castanino and Administrative Assistant Nancy T. Fay. Commissioner Ellen O'Brien Cushman was absent. Carolyn Bishop also attended as the League of Women Voters Observer.

The Minutes of the April 8, 2004 Organizational Meeting and the March 24, 2004 Meeting were unanimously approved by the two Commissioners present.

McLean Land Update: Superintendent Gardiner reported that the Telecommunications Tower on Concord Avenue is up including a 50' x 50' cement pad, but is not yet connected. It is expected to be functional by this December. The Town and McLean are working closely together on this project.

Budget: Superintendent Gardiner presented the final FY04 budget figures for the Commissioners' information. Of the 110 total burials in FY04, 33 were cremations, 77 were casket burials and 58 (52%) were non-residents. Revenue for FY04 was \$106,261.

Pricing Policy Discussion. Superintendent Gardiner presented a current cost comparison chart for local cemeteries (both municipal and private). Commissioner Corbett suggested that the distinction between municipal and private be shown on the next survey.

Discussion followed about pricing for Highland Meadow and the need to decide on how much funding should be allocated to purchase of land and how much should be allocated for perpetual care. The Commissioners agreed that the next meeting would be used primarily to discuss pricing.

The next meeting was temporarily scheduled for 9:30 A.M. on the 3rd Wednesday in October (October 20th) pending discussion with Chairman Cushman. It was suggested that meetings be held regularly on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month whenever possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander E. Corbett, III, Clerk