

MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2004

The monthly meeting was called to order at 9:45 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.

The Minutes of the October 22, 2003 and December 11, 2003 Meetings were unanimously approved.

Budget and Operations: There was a general discussion concerning the oil tank on the cemetery grounds and ownership/responsibility for the cemetery buildings.

Superintendent Gardiner reported that extensive tree work by the town's contractor had been done, but more still needs to be done.

To date this fiscal year there have been 72 burials. Of the total, 25 were cremations and 47 were earth burials. For the first time in Belmont Cemetery history, over 50% of the burials were cremations. The revenue to date is \$3,371 more than the last fiscal year.

Superintendent Gardiner reminded the Commissioners that Saturday, January 24th at 9:30 the Cemetery Budget will be discussed with the Selectmen and Warrant Committee. The meeting will take place at the Chenery Middle School. It will be taken as part of the Department of Public Works budget and is first on that agenda.

Telecommunication Tower/Land Management Issues: Chairman Cushman reported that the Land Management Committee will meet on January 28, 2004 and again on February 4, 2004 to discuss and vote on the design of the Telecommunication Tower. The Town has signed a lease with Tower Ventures II. The endorsement of the LMC is required per the Conservation Restriction B2 prior to requesting a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for overall height of the structure.

The Appeals concerning the affordable housing and sewer issues are still in the hands of the DEP. The Town has asked for an expeditious decision.

Pricing Policy Discussion. This was put on hold for the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, February 25th at 9:30 A.M. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander E. Corbett, III, Clerk