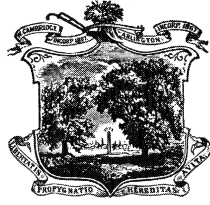


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The Minutes of the Arlington Cemetery Commission July 8, 2015

Present: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, DPW Director,
Mike Rademacher and Cemetery Supervisor, Jason Jones

Meeting opened at 9:10am

Minutes for June 2015 was approved
Four (4) deeds signed

Meeting opened with discussion of the columbarium. Mike asked Blair Hines to come up with new drawings for the columbarium at an additional cost. Mike spoke with Eickhof and they said that a stacked columbarium would be about 40% cheaper. Intent is to have it back out to bid by August and if all goes well, be built by the winter.

Architects estimated the chapel renovation at around \$650,000. Presently the Town will try to get individual estimates for roofing, masonry, hot water, new heating system, etc. We will move forward with the help of the building and maintenance department.

The un-approved tree in the D section will be moved at the time of the fall plantings.

Road project bids came in high. The companies bidding were concerned with the stoppage of work due to funerals. Perhaps it could be combined with town road projects. The chip and seal coating will be done in the spring.

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Michele A. Hassler, Chairperson
William F. McCarthy

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Mike left the meeting at 9:55am

Mrs. Pappas joined the meeting. She is requesting disinterments of her son and first husband from a 4 person lot-CC-55C- and transferred to a new grave so that she can have a headstone rather than a flat marker, as the grave is in a flat marker section. Her second husband died recently and she wants to have them all together. After Mrs. Pappas addressed the commissioners Michele stated she will call her with an answer that afternoon. The commission is concerned with the safety of the cemetery workers due to the depth and width needed to perform this as well as possibly disturbing other lot owners. It is also a concern that contents of the grave may not be intact. It was noted that the request has not been put in writing. Disinterments cannot happen until after October 15 per state law. The commissioners voted to deny this request.

Jean will call Mr. Hurley, GG-598, and suggest he replace the headstone to accommodate additional names, per his inquiry.

E-150, 16 grave lot, small stone may be placed for Esther Halpin, per the inquiry of her daughter. Family will be encouraged to put a marker with the names of all those buried there.

Town Manager's office is officially aware of the opening on the commission. Notice to be addressed.

Privacy slats were requested for the section of the fence by the CC section. Jean will email Mike Rademacher for input.

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Review of the Rules and Regulations:

Disinterment fee of earth burial from \$2,500 to \$5,000

Number of cremation burials in single graves will be:

2 earth burials in grave / 2 cremains, if room allows

1 earth burial / 6 cremains

No extra markers or headstones will be allowed, excluding veteran markers which will be allowed 2 markers per grave.

All tree planting requests for the cemetery must be approved by the Cemetery Commission.

All pending changes were voted on unanimously by the commissioners.
These changes are pending Town Manager approval.

Next meeting will be August 12, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted
Jean Smith