

MINUTES
CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2016

The Cemetery Board of Trustees held its meeting at 6:20 p.m. on Thursday, January 14th, 2016 in the Park Department Office, 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Carpenter with Acting Superintendent Timothy Carpenter, Mr. Frank Gurley, and Ms. Anne McCormack present.

Motion was made by Mrs. McCormack and seconded by Mr. Gurley to accept the minutes of the May 21st, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Trustees about the current security issues. Superintendent Carpenter has asked the Police Chief Crowley to increase patrols at the office area in the Melrose Cemetery. Also, the Building Dept. is to install more lighting and possible cameras in the future if needed.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Trustees that the Single EE section is still a problem with the decorations on the graves, making it hard to maintain the area. Pictures were passed around to show the Board of Trustees some example of what the area looks like. No solution at this time.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that in the calendar year of 2015 the cemetery had 291 burials, and \$546K deposits. The new trucks have been purchased out of the grave liners account and perpetual care. They have not arrived yet. The grave liners account is \$260K after you take out the purchase of one of the trucks. No outside contractors were used in cleaning up of the leaves this fall due to the new ride on blower and leaf vac.

At Melrose Cemetery, \$70K is in the budget for road repairs in the spring which is badly needed. We also need to start thinking about another expansion by the summer of 2017. We are in need of a new Veterans lot.

At Union Cemetery, the summer kids cleaned up 85% of the leaves.

At Coweeset Cemetery, the land sale to JM Pet Resort is final.

At outside Cemeteries, Ashland had a few trees taken down. Thayer has a few trees that need to be taken down. BAARC has been cutting and cleaning up leaves in all the outside cemeteries this fall. At Leach Cemetery, Dylan DeChristopher was going for this Eagle Scout badge and painted the fence, cleaned leaves and made a list of all the names and dates on the headstones. Great Job Dylan.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Gurley and seconded by Mrs. McCormack to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Acting Superintendent of Cemeteries