

Cemetery Board of Commissioners  
Minutes  
October 15, 2019

Board met in session at 7:00 p.m. in the office at Waterside Cemetery.  
Present (constituting a quorum):

Richard F. Coletti, Chairman  
Janet S. Merrill, clerk  
Rufus L. Titus

Catherine M. Kobialka, Superintendent

**MINUTES.** Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019 as presented.  
All in favor.

**REFUND.** Mr. Earl Dumas of 11 Goldthwait Road appeared before the board to request a refund of the non-resident fee charged at the time of the interment of his mother Gloria Dumas, formerly of 90 Jersey Street. Following further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to refund the amount of \$200.00. All in favor.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT.** New truck is registered, inspected and in use as is the 2002 John Deere 410 backhoe from the Water and Sewer Department. Obtaining quotes for the electrical box on Waterside road replacement.

**CHAPEL STAIRS.** Discussed other options as well as repair or replacement of similar materials that are there. Superintendent to do further research and quotes.

**CALLAHAN LOT.** Further discussion regarding lot decoration. Family has not complied with Board's written request. Superintendent will remove all as discussed previously.

**Dr. ELISHA STORY.** Discussion regarding request from Evan O'Brien from the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum to place a commemorative medallion at the grave site of Dr. Elisha Story who was a participant of the Boston Tea Party. Superintendent to contact Evan O'Brien regarding the details of accepting the medallion. Motion made and seconded. All in favor.

**POW MIA FLAG.** Edward Preble of Marblehead has offered to donate a Prisoner of War Missing in Action flag to be flown at the Veterans Lot below the United States Flag. Superintendent to contact Marblehead Flag Officer as to size and protocol. Motion made and seconded to accept a flag of proper size and hung at the veterans lot under proper protocol as determined by the Marblehead Flag Officer. All in favor.

**MARBLEHEAD RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM.** Discussion regarding this team's mission to eventually recognize people of color who were slaves or servants in Marblehead. Currently their research is focusing on "Agnes" who had a little marker on Old Burial Hill. The Department found no records to assist but will suggest some other contacts that might help in their endeavor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, namely Hogan et al. v. Coletti, et al., Essex County Superior Court Docket No. 1677CV00530, where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town. The Board will not reconvene in open session. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Coletti, in favor; Mr. Titus, in favor; Ms. Merrill, in favor.

The Board adjourned to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. All in favor.

Next meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2019

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Janet S. Merrill, clerk