

LCC Minutes April 9, 2019

The Lincoln Cemetery Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in Town Offices at 10:30 a.m. Present were: Commissioners Manley Boyce, Susan Harding, Rob Todd, chair; Valerie Fox, Agent. Guests were Steve McDonell, DPW, and Lt. Sean Kennedy, Police, and Steve McCarthy, and Frank Panetta.

1. The March 12, 2019 minutes were accepted as amended.
2. Interments: John Van Dolman 4/10/2019 cremains JF196; Elizabeth Taylor 4/6/2019 cremains JF113; Norma Gelinas 4/2/2019 cremains Lot 764A; Robert Loud 3/18/2019 cremains Lot 730; Marguerite Russell 3/2/2019 Lot 301B; Frank Orzell 3/12/2019 cremains Lot 533
3. Deed signed: John & Nancy Van Dolman JF196
4. Other Business
 - a. Seth Rosen requested a lot for 8 full burials. Four would be for his mother, father-in-law, his wife and himself. Four would be for his two children and their spouses. Valerie will look for a lot divided 4 x 4, so that if the children do not return to Lincoln for their burial spot, four places can be sold back to the Town.
 - b. Frank Panetta's father bought a lot in 1993 expecting that there could be double depth burials. The Commissioners have since then ruled against double depth for safety reasons. The Commission agreed to look for additional space.
 - c. The Commission approved the design of the Elkus marker but recommended that the widow make sure that the marker is anchored to the site and a border of stone or brick be created to provide room for maintenance.
 - d. The warrant article was approved at Town Meeting on the Consent Calendar for the appropriation of \$5000 for maintenance purposes.
 - e. Lt. Sean Kennedy said that the LCC could post signs about prohibiting parking for purposes other than cemetery business. A possible wording is: Unattended cars not on cemetery business will be towed at owner's expense. Keeping dogs on leash and cleaning up after them is already posted but hard to enforce.
 - f. Kathy Nicholson would like to buy a small piece of land in front of her husband's marker. Manley will check out site for lot lines and availability.
 - g. The Commission approved the request of the Water Department to replace spigots with automatic shut-off valves.
 - h. Steve McCarthy brought in a mock-up of a proposed tombstone for him and his deceased wife Phoebe because it is 5 inches higher than our regulations permit. It shows a charming selection of symbols appropriate to the couple, but the Commissioners felt it could be easily scaled back to regulation size. Steve will go back to the sculptor with this request. Otherwise, it will blend in nicely with the slate markers in the Precinct Cemetery.
 - i. The soil defroster uses propane gas, which is refilled after every use. Rather than bill each family individually for use, the Cemetery Commission discussed setting a higher standard interment rate across the board to cover this and other expenses that the current fee structure does not cover. Valerie will look into these expenses and propose a revised fee structure for interments.
 - j. The bench request for the Sussman lot was approved in addition to flat markers.
 - k. The Commission agreed that cemetery records should be digitized as part of any disaster recovery plan. Susan suggested Valerie look into a firm such as Docu-Free to do the work. Manley will ask Concord how it handles the back-up for its records.
 - l. Manley Boyce was elected chair of the Commission for the coming year. The date of the next meeting was set at May 7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harding, Commissioner