

**Town of Charleston**  
**Cemetery Commission Meeting 05/05/17**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Cemetery Commission was held May 5, 2017. Attending were: Commission Members Dean Bennett, Wayne Bowen, Martin Davis, and Sherman Allen Jr.; Sexton Richard Colburn; and Darald Moulton, Laborer. Commissioner Dale Carpenter was unable to attend.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Sherm Allen welcomed Richard Colburn, Sr., Sexton, Darald Moulton, Laborer, and new Commission member Martin Davis.

A thank you card to Dexter Bennett was signed by people present for his forty-plus years of service to the Town of Charleston Cemeteries. Dean will deliver it.

Sherman Allen Jr. was elected Chairperson (Dean motioned, Wayne second) for 2017.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Wayne, to appoint Teri Gray Treasurer for 2017.

Sherm read the minutes of May 06, 2016. Motioned by Dean, seconded by Wayne, and approved by the Board.

No large dollar items were needed for cemetery tools. Wayne reported the rider mower was overhauled in 2016.

No new flags are needed for Veterans' Graves. Richard Colburn and Ms. O' Keefe's students of the Charleston Elementary School will place flags on the graves of Veterans buried in the town cemeteries in May. This is a historical and community service project for the students.

Martin Davis will help trim in cemeteries. Richard will instruct.

No green burial requests were granted because we do not do them.

Wages will stay the same at \$14.00 per hour for workers.

Lenny Oak's lot was discussed and accepted. Colleen Kellogg and Richard Colburn Sr. reported that Lenny Oak did not donate land to West Village Cemetery, as indicated in the 2016 minutes. Mr. Oak sold the town one acre from his property that borders the Cemetery for \$2500 plus a half lot. (See Correction to 2016 Minutes, dated June 20, 2016) Last fall Sherm and Mr. Oak picked out lot #191A. The Town will buy corner posts.

Lot prices will stay the same.

OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Richard will set corner posts and see graves opened and closed—also cremations.

Wayne stated he has seen some broken headstones in West Village Cemetery. He will either repair or stand them up.

Wayne motioned, Dean seconded, to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

The next Cemetery Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sherman Allen*

Sherman Allen, Jr. Chairperson

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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Cemetery Commissioners, Town of Charleston