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**CEMETERY COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**
ADAMS TOWN HALL
June 13, 2023

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Shepley called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Taylor, Bruce Shepley, Fred Hobart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: H. Meczywor; Town Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Accepted without discussion unanimously by
F. Hobart, B Shepley, J. Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT FOR BELLEVUE CEMETERY: Discussion held on May 10, 2023 with Town Administrator Jay Green, Tim Cota (DPW), Eammon Coughlin (Community Development), Bruce Shepley (Cemetery Commissioner) to implement a plan for next fiscal year (2024- 2025) to begin replacement of old water line with PEX. Need to look at costs, if engineering is necessary, complete vs sectional replacement, etc. Bruce Shepley will speak with John Barrett (Adams Fire District) to refresh what may be involved.

REVIEW OF AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS: (See attached)
Agreed to suggested changes. Will add to the fee structure page the definition of Adams resident. To Read: "RESIDENCY IS DEFINED AS SOMEONE WITH PROOF, WHO RESIDES WITHIN THE BOUNDRIES OF THE TOWN OF ADAMS".

Agreed to added language under Section 2.2 "ANY FUNERAL THAT GOES PAST 12:00PM (NOON) ON SATURDAYS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$500.00 SUR-CHARGE" (SEE ATTACHMENT WITH CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED)

UPDATE ON CEMETERY FEE STRUCTURE: At a recent meeting, The Select-board was presented with and passed the recommendations of restructure of Town of Adams Cemeteries related fees as discussed and agreed upon by the Cemetery Commission at the Aug 2021 meeting.

UPDATE ON RIGHT TO INTERMENT IN A FAMILY OWNED LOT:

Updated commission members on a communication from Town Council, Ed St. John, of the process needed by a person to be interred in a lot owned by a someone other than that individual. Atty. St John researched Mass. Gen. Laws, Ch 114, Sec 31 in making his determination.

NEW BUSINESS:

LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS LATE SATURDAY INTERMENTS:

See above in Old Business under REVIEW OF AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

LETTER OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR STEVE SKROCKI.

Bruce will compose a letter of appreciation for the years of service to the Town by Steve Skrocki, recently retired.

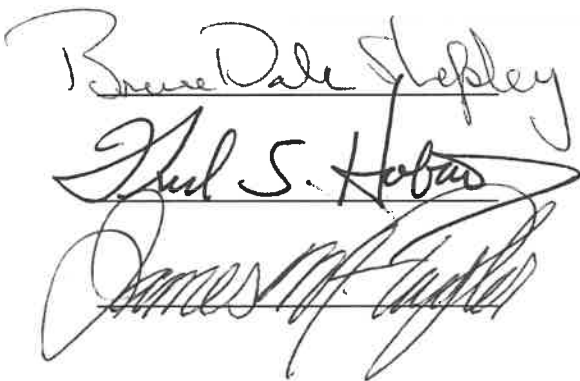
FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: To Be Determined

ADJOURN: A motion made by Fred Hobart to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 PM, seconded by Jim Taylor. Passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 12 July 23


Bruce Dale Shepley
Fred S. Hobart
James M. Taylor