MINUTES of the **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Date:

January 11, 2024

Time:

2:00 p.m.

Place:

Town Hall Hearing Room

Members Present:

Nancy Vail, Skip Annett

Members Absent:

David Agger

- Approved meeting minutes of September 22, 2023
- Updated plot maps, confirmed expansion of "green" burial plots
- Reviewed plot sale log of 2023 plot sales
- Discussion on policy regarding number of allowable upright headstones. There is an owner who already has 1 upright stone but would like to add another. Our policy is only 1 upright stone and we will continue to enforce this regulation. He can replace the existing stone with a larger one or install any number of flush markers.
- FY2025 Operating Budget: Discussed strategies to reestablish a Cemetery Commission operating budget (based on sale of plots) and our complete access to the funds that we previously had prior to "accounting issues" of the past 4 years. Acknowledgement of our unique semi-autonomous status. Nancy will be meeting with the financial team staff regarding the FY2025 budget to resolve these issues.
- Future cemetery restoration work: discussed recent Brewster Cemetery Commission publicity regarding
 degradation of historic headstones and their Town Hall support for restoration work. Discussed past and future
 grant opportunities to continue restoration work and concern about past bad criticism, feedback and publicity.
- Drafted Annual Report.
- Discussed Truro's requirement that all corner markers be engraved to assist in locating of plots. No support for adopting that policy in Wellfleet at this time.

Meeting adjourned 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vail, Chair