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CEMETERY COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2023

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Attendance: Members Betsy Diskin, Susan Tordella-Williams (4:32 PM) and Sam Goodwin
Also in attendance: Dan Van Schalkwyk, DPW Director

Call to Order: Sam Goodwin called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Acceptance of agenda and minutes

Motion: Goodwin moved and Diskin seconded a motion to accept the agenda. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Tordella arrives at 4:32 PM

Motion: Goodwin moved and Diskin seconded a motion to accept the August 28, 2023 meeting minutes.
Motion passed 3-0.

Public Input - No member of the public participated when asked for Public Input.

Review and Approval of Lot Sales - Goodwin executed the lot sales for Section 4 495 I and J and Section 4 499H

Finalized Review and Revision of Regulations

The Commission finalized its review of the Woodlawn Cemetery regulations as prepared by Diskin and reviewed by Town Counsel. Van Schalkwyk will make final edits and present them to the Select Board on November 7th for adoption. Van Schalkwyk will inform the Select Board that the Commission will be evaluating green burial as a potential offering at the Cemetery.

Motion: Tordella motioned to recommend the regulations to the Select Board for adoption as prepared with agreed upon edits from today's meeting. Goodwin seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

New Business

Green Burial Evaluation - Van Schalkwyk will invite a member of the State Cemetery Board and Tordella will invite Lisa Groves of Westford to attend the next meeting to provide information on the pros and cons of green burials.

The Commission considered the implementation and enforcement of the new regulations.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 27, 4:30 pm at the Ayer DPW Conference Room.

Motion: Goodwin motioned and Diskin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM **Motion passed 3-0.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by Susan Tordella-Williams, Clerk. Minutes reviewed and approved by the Cemetery Commission on Nov. 27, 2023

Signed: 
Susan Tordella-Williams