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**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Green Mount Cemetery Board of Commissioners**

**Date and Time:**

May 21, 2018. Meeting called to order at 12:07 by Jake Brown.

**Location:**

Memorial Room, City Hall

**Members/Public Present:**

Jake Brown (by phone), Linda Berger, Darragh Ellerson, Meri Nielsen, Charlie Wiley, Patrick Healy

**Members Absent:**

None

**Minutes From Last Meeting:**

Minutes of 4/23/18 after correcting the first sentence in the Chair's Report to read: City is not posting for a replacement Community Service Department Head.

**Chair's Report:**

- Peggy Munro could not participate in our meeting today and will reschedule.
- We have lost some funds in our Vanguard account due to adjustments in the stock market. Jake will contact Peggy soon to discuss the status of this account given the current market volatility. Motion was made by Linda Berger and seconded by Charlie Wiley, that if Peggy has any recommendations for change we meet as soon as possible to discuss and possibly take action on the recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.
- We expect that the City Council will visit the cemetery during one of their June meetings. Patrick will get the details of that visit to us. Patrick and Jake and interested members will give a presentation to the Council in June. They will let us know the date and time.

**Director's Report**

- Patrick reported that we have sold four lots and four others are considering purchasing. The funds from the sales goes into our funds account. Patrick will check with the city to see how often the funds transfer from the City to our Vanguard account.
- There has been an uptick on calls for cremation burials. Afternoon cemetery gatherings are preferred.
- Patrick informed us that airlines require special paperwork for transporting cremains.
- Patrick did a second burial at Berlin and one at St. Augustine's.
- Natural Burial Updates: Across the state cemeteries are still considering logistics of these burials. The primary concern is the amount/level of groundwater in many cemeteries in VT

Also under discussion is the grounds work and marker work requirements of these burials. These issues will be discussed at the NE Cemetery Association Meeting in June.

- The VT State Legislature's committee did not visit Green Mount as planned due to legislative demands at that time.
- Patrick has been asked to write an article on Natural Burial at Green Mount. Darragh would like to help him with this.

**Other:**

- Memorial Day coverage was assigned: Linda 8-9, Darragh 9-10, Meri 10-11, and Jake 11-12.
- The Children's Service in the Chapel is schedule for June 2, at 10:00 am.

**Meeting adjourned:**

We adjourned at 12:28. Motion was moved by Meri Nielson and seconded by Darragh Ellerson.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Linda Berger, Secretary**