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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

Department of Public Infrastructure

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

February 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Carol Grimes at 6:02 p.m. In attendance were Carol Grimes, Barbara McDonald, Steven Caton, Egidio Melo, Ronald Labelle, Sylvia Gomez-Turner, and Jeanne Safioleas.

There was no one it attendance for open session.

On a motion by Carol Grimes and seconded by Barbara McDonald the minutes from the June 9, 2015 meeting were unanimously voted to approve and accept.

On a motion by Steven Caton and seconded by Egidio Melo the certificates for June 2015 through January 2016 were unanimously voted to approve and accept.

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REPORTS

6a) Commissioner's Report -

Mr. Ronald H. Labelle presented his Commissioner's report and discussed the following:

Pine Grove Cemetery:

New rows are being plugged to accommodate mausoleums in section 17 and 18 Premium. Maintenance building garage roof has been repaired but the heating system is failing. We are waiting on an estimate from Abreu Heating. Greenhouse windows need re-glazing in order to be more energy efficient. Garage doors need to be insulated or replaced.

Oak Grove Cemetery:

Fencing has been removed and we are looking to replace the rod iron gates with the original ones that were there. Garage doors need to be insulated or replaced.

Rural Cemetery:

New rows are being plugged to accommodate mausoleums in section 210 and D Premium. Maintenance garage roof needs repair as it is leaking very badly and the garage doors need to be insulated or replaced.

A presentation was given to the board members on Columbarium's, and discussions followed regarding our desire to either purchase or build them in our cemeteries.

St. Theresa's Church: An explanation was given to the board regarding what steps need to be taken now that the church is not selling and what our vision is for the land going forward.

On a motion by Barbara MacDonald and second by Egidio Melo the Commissioner's Report was unanimously voted to approve and accept.

- iv. Rural- Matthew St. fencing replacement
- v. Rural Cemetery water upgrades
- vi. Pine Grove water upgrades
- vii. Purchase of 100 trees for Cemetery Grounds

On a motion by Egidio Melo and second by Steven Caton, Carol Grimes switched the position of Chair to Egidio Melo.

8f) With a discussion from Mr. Labelle in regards to the lack of demand to purchase St. Theresa's building, a vote was approved and accepted on a motion by Carol Grimes and second by Steven Caton, to grant Commissioner Labelle the authority and support needed to move forward with the possible demolition of St. Theresa's Church.

On a motion by Carol Grimes and second by Steven Caton, it was unanimously voted for Carol Grimes to resume as Chair.

8g) With a short discussion regarding the standing Moratorium in Pine Grove Cemetery, a vote was approved and accepted on a motion by Egidio Melo and second by Barbara MacDonald, to lift the moratorium at Pine Grove Cemetery for section 18 Premium only to allow Pre-Need sales to increase revenue to St. Theresa's land development.

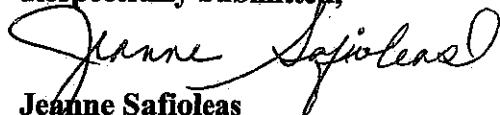
There was no communications.

There was no tabled business.

There was no executive session.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeanne Safioleas
Cemetery Board Clerk