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Islesboro Cemetery Committee  
Minutes  
May 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM. Present were Carole Nichter, William Boardman, Sue Schnur, Cindy Gorham, Brenda Thomas, Murton Durkee and Marc Schnur.

New member Murton Durkee was welcomed to the committee.

A quorum was established. The minutes from Dec. 15, 2010 were read and accepted as written.

In order to accommodate Marc Schnur's schedule, the agenda was taken out of order. Mr. Schnur, Selectman, was present to discuss Cemetery Ordinances Changes as part of the codification procedure. **See attached memo for the changes that were made.** These changes will not become effective until passed by a town meeting.

**Old Business: Bayview** The stump that is to be removed by Paul Grindle is still in the ground. Both Carole N. and Julie Reidy have spoken to Mr. Grindle and he says he is still planning on digging it out. Earl Grindle will be starting to fill in the sunken graves--first working on graves with headstones and then the graves without headstones. These graves need to have a GPS coordinate done first and then mapped. The Island Institute Fellow and Sheila Coombs class at school will be doing this on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>. Carole met with James Westhafer, the Island Fellow, on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the Bayview Cemetery and determine which graves to do.

**New Business:** The front fence at Bayview needs to be repaired. Carole will call Cliff Houle to see if he is interested in doing the work. (called on 5/3/11 and again on 5/14/11.) If no response from second call we will call Bobby Leach to see if he is interested.

There is tree work that needs to be done in both Bayview and Sprague Cemeteries.

The ditch on the southern end of the culvert at the end of the road at Bayview needs to be dug out. Paul Grindle has agreed to dig it out when he does the stump.

Carole Nichter has notified Dornan's Cemetery Repair in Thomaston and they will be coming over to determine which headstones should be fixed. Carole will set a date to meet with members and determine which stones to do.

Daniel Graf has been helping Carole with getting the cemetery documentation form in a usable computer form. He has also agreed to correspond with Pooh Stone to see if she can get the original software information to him. Carole Nichter has been working on the documentation over the winter and has completed about 80 new gravesite records. They

will be added to the town documentation notebooks. There is still quite a bit of documentation to do. It is on going and time consuming.

Spring Inspection: The following members will be inspecting and then reporting on the following cemeteries.

Cindy Gorham: Old Burying Ground, Christ Church

Murton Durkee & Carole Nichter: Sherman Point, Fletcher, Keller Yard, Gray, Benham

William Boardman: Boardman, Dodge, Edson Sherman (west side)

Julie Reidy: Spragues, Nancy's Cove

Brenda Thomas: Carole will be showing both Brenda and Murton where all the private cemeteries are located.

Randy Pendleton will be doing the Memorial Day Flags. We have new flag holders. The Fire Department will be adding new Firefighter flags to the cemeteries this year.

Misc: A vote was taken to change the number of members it takes for a quorum. It was voted that three members present make a quorum and 2 out of 3 members voting yes would pass a measure.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55PM.


Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Nichter  
Chairman

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# Memo

**To:** Board of Selectmen, Town Manager. Cemetery Committee Members, Town Clerk

**From:** Marc V. Schnur, (Still) Selectman 

**Date:** May 4, 2011

**Re:** Town of Islesboro Cemetery Ordinance Changes

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## Message

On May 3, I met with the Cemetery Committee to discuss changes to the Cemetery Ordinance as part of the codification procedure. Along with several minor changes, the Committee agreed to the following:

1. The Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom at least five shall be residents of Islesboro.
2. The members will serve staggered terms. Starting July 1, 2011, two members shall be appointed for one year terms; two members shall be appointed for two year terms; and three members shall be appointed for three year terms. After these initial terms all members will be appointed for three year terms.
3. The Committee agreed that a quorum shall consist of three members, with two votes being sufficient to pass motions when only three members are present.
4. The Committee agreed that cemetery lots to be sold shall be 7' X 10'. No distinction in lot size is made for burial of cremains with up to five cremains permitted per lot.
5. Cost of a lot shall be \$150.00 with a required perpetual care fund of \$350.00, for a total of \$500.00 per lot.

Although these changes will not become effective until passed by a town meeting, it will be in order, under the provisions of the current Ordinance, to make the appointments in the manner indicated in paragraph 2 prior to town meeting approval.