

MINUTES OF MEETING
NORTON CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

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DATE: June 20, 2016

TIME: 4:04 p.m.

LOCATION: Norton Highway Department

Members present: Chairman Daniel M. Rich, Clarence Butch Rich, Albert "Nibby" Watson and, Joyce K. Bernardo (Absent member Mary Ellen Stentiford)

Others attending: Keith Silver, Highway Superintendent

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Daniel Rich started the meeting with the concerns that have come up regarding decorations at the gravesites and the articles that have appeared in the Sun Chronicle. Many local residents attended and voiced their concerns that they did not want to have to remove the items. Keith Silver stated that there have been problems with people planting and putting articles around the gravesites. While some do maintain their gravesites there are many that do not and it becomes a problem for the maintenance staff to mow and trim.

Area residents attended the meeting with their concerns about being able to put things at the cemeteries. They felt they should be allowed to put their personal touches to the grave sites in memory of their loved ones and to help with the grieving process.

The Commission Board agreed that some items should be allowed but rules do need to be followed so that workers are able to maintain the cemetery without problems.

After much discussion with the residents and the board of commissioners the decision was made to restructure some of the rules and regulations and review them with local residents at a meeting on July 11, 2016. At that time the board of commissioners would gladly take suggestions before the final rules and regulations were put forth.

A suggestion was made that the Rules and Regulations should be sent to families of deceased to help them understand the do's and don'ts of the cemeteries.

2. It was brought to the commission board's attention by local residents that people will walk dogs through the cemeteries and would like to see a sign to clean up after pets.
3. The BSC Group has submitted a proposal for the layout of the new Newland Cemetery. A local resident, Scott Holman, offer to layout plots and submit a layout for the board to review before a decision is made to hire the BSC Group. The board of commissioners will discuss this further after they Scott's layout.

4. A boy scout, Matt Neal has sent a letter to the Cemetery Commission asking if he could clean-up the Reservoir Cemetery as part of a project he would do to earn his Eagle Badge. Chairman Daniel Rich said he would call him and ask for more information and invite him to the next meeting to discuss with the commissioners further details on exactly what he would do.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.