

**TOWN OF LUDLOW  
BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

**Board Members Present:**

Herbert B. VanGuilder, Vice Chair & Clerk  
John Paige  
Nataile Gruber, Flowers Chair  
Ludwig Gabranski  
Brett Sanderson

**Staff Present:**

Jamie Farquhar, Sexton, Eugene Dean

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Chair, Herb VanGuilder.

**Annual Board Reorganization:**

Elect Chair of the Board

Nomination by Nataile Gruber and seconded by Louie Gabranski to elect Herbert B. VanGuilder Chair of the Board. So voted.

Elect Clerk of the Board

Nomination by Nataile Gruber and seconded by Louie Gabranski to elect Brett Sanderson Clerk of the Board. So voted.

Elect Flower Chair

Nomination by Herb VanGuilder and seconded by John Paige to elect Nataile Gruber Flowers Chair. So voted.

Elect Signer of Deeds

Nomination by Nataile Gruber and seconded by Louie Gabranski to elect Chair, Herb VanGuilder and Clerk, Brett Sanderson. So voted.

Elect Sexton

Motion by Nataile Gruber and seconded by John Paige to elect Jamie Farquhar to serve the ensuing year as Sexton. So voted.

Set Day & Time of Regular Meetings

Motion by Nataile Gruber and seconded by Louie Gabranski to hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. So voted.

Adopt Roberts Rules of Order

Motion by Nataile Gruber and seconded by Louie Gabranski to conduct all meetings by Roberts Rules of Order. So voted.

John Paige noted that the Commissioners should have copies of Roberts Rules of Order.

**Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Nataile Gruber to approve the minutes of January 1, 2008 as read. Seconded by Louie Gabranski. So voted.

**Comments From Citizens:**

None present.

**Review & Discuss FY09 Budget:**

Herb VanGuilder noted that the budget discussion at Town Meeting went well. From the voice rate, he felt that there were only four votes opposed. Herb VanGuilder also talked with two people opposed and they noted they would like to see the price of the lots increased. Others would like to see a separate section of the Cemetery for cremations.

The Board felt they should check with other towns on the various charges to see who Ludlow compares. John Paige noted he would not object to the Board reserving some of the new Cemetery for residents only. The Board felt we should review this suggestion.

Herb VanGuilder noted he has acquired via our Town Representative, Dennis Devereaux, booklets and information on the Authority and Duties of Cemetery Commissioners, which he is reviewing. Herb Van Guilder noted that there are schools and organizations that Commissioners should consider attending, which the expenses will come out of the budget, similar to the programs the Select Board and other departments have for policies.

**Other Business:**

A discussion was noted if the Commissioners should have a tape recorder to record the minutes.

It was noted that Sexton Jamie Farquhar would decide when to open the Cemetery.

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Nataile Gruber to adjourn. Seconded by John Paige. So voted.

Meeting Adjourned 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Sanderson  
Clerk

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Herbert Van Guilder, Chair

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Brett Sanderson, Clerk

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John Paige

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Nataile Gruber, Flowers Chair

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Ludwig Gabranski