

NANTUCKET CEMETERY COMMISSION
Posted Meeting of August 14, 2024, at 3:00 pm
DPW Conference Room, 188 Madaket Road, with Zoom Connectivity

FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance, by Roll Call: Commissioners: Frances Karttunen, Scott McIver, Allen Reinhard, Lee Saperstein, and Barbara White; TaKyra Netter, DPW, Charlie Polachi, DPW, Cemetery Administrator. There was a quorum at all times.

1. Call to Order.

Allen Reinhard called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm and started to record the meeting:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bzy_lTsJklA&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhIyX1ozdd1bZ3zV8kXFp8M&index=50.

2. Public and Commissioners Comments.

With no members of the public present, there were no public comments. Several commissioners suggested that they would bring up items under the New Business rubric at the end of the agenda.

3. Minutes of July 10, 2024.

Scott McIver's move to approve the minutes of July 10, 2024, was seconded by Barbara White, and passed unanimously by roll-call vote (Frances Karttunen, aye; Scott McIver, aye; Allen Reinhard, aye; Lee Saperstein, aye; and Barbara White, aye).

4. Approval of Lot Sales since Last Meeting.

Allen Reinhard noted that there were no new lot sales to be approved, although there have been enquiries, including one from off-Island. He mentioned that there had been a recent inurnment at Polpis for Edward MacLellan in Lot J-26.

5. Polpis Cemetery Update.

Allen Reinhard related that he and Scott McIver had laid out markers for rows A and B in Polpis and that there were 69 more to go. He said that placing all lot information onto a digital map was a forthcoming move. He said, also, that this cemetery plus all other on the Island look great. Charlie Polachi said that this was due to the Town's contractor, Pathfinder Tree Service.

Lee Saperstein asked if there was any news on the creation of a license for the encroachment into Polpis and was told no.

6. Monument Restoration Project Update.

Allen Reinhard reminded the Commission that work to restore monuments in the Historic Coloured and Quaker Cemeteries is complete. A separate purchase order has been given to Ludwig Memorials to remove the iron bars around family plots in those cemeteries. As these bars rust, their physical expansion breaks the stone posts into which they are fixed.

Charlie Polachi reported that all he needs is account numbers so as to be able to issue Invitations to Bid, IFBs, for restoration work in New North and Newtown Cemeteries. To avoid confusion, he will space out the IFBs by a week or so; they will appear in the Town's web site when ready.

6. Newtown Cemetery Legal Status Update.

Allen Reinhard reported that, unfortunately, there was no new information on the legal issues surrounding Newtown Cemetery.

7. Old, New, Other Business and Final Comments.

Allen Reinhard asked if there was any new business to come before the Commission and got several items.

Barbara White said that invitations to bid on the video project that she and Frances Karttunen will be doing for the Historic Coloured Cemetery were sent out in a closed-bid process to qualified bidders. According to Charlie Polachi, the bids are due by close of business of Friday, August 23rd, so they most likely will be identified on the following Monday.

Scott McIver asked the Commission to approve the designs for two monuments in Polpis Cemetery, each of which conforms to the requisite dimensions.

- Edward and Judith McLaughlin, Lot C-16;
- John Joseph and Joan Isabelle Raymaster Beni, Lot C-19.

He moved their approval, Lee Saperstein seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote: Frances Karttunen, aye; Scott McIver, aye; Allen Reinhard, aye; Lee Saperstein, aye; and Barbara White, aye.

Scott McIver asked if anyone knew the location of "Seaweed" Reed's lot in Newtown Cemetery because the memorial stone has been received and he wants to emplace it. He knows that it is adjacent to the plot for Willie House. Lee Saperstein suggested that Tracy MacDonald has the paperwork for the Reed lot and it is M-18 in Newtown; Willie House, he said, was interred in lot M-17 of Newtown Cemetery. A copy of the paperwork was included in the Commission's May minutes.

Frances Karttunen asked for an update on signage renewal at the Quaise Asylum Burial Ground and on Prospect Street leading to the Historic Coloured Cemetery. Charlie Polachi responded that they are both on the list of work orders; the sign shop is working on its backlog.

Lee Saperstein suggested to Allen Reinhard that he invite Tracy MacDonald to the Commission's next meeting to report on the legal issues for Newtown and Polpis.

8. Adjournment.

Adjournment was at 3:35 pm on a motion by Frances Karttunen, seconded by Scott McIver and approved by acclamation.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 3:00 pm, in the DPW conference room at 188 Madaket Road. For those who wish to attend virtually, a Zoom link is attached: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85669907430?pwd=UCtdFIPSE9VTitrU05CVTJyOWkydz09>.

Respectfully submitted: _____; Date: 8/16//2024
Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary

Nantucket Cemetery Projects List (as printed on the agenda):

- Legal status of Newtown Cemetery with recorded survey. Awaiting action.
- Monument Restoration at New North and Newtown Cemeteries. Begin 2025 with CPA grant.
- Fencing and brush removal at New and Old North Cemeteries. Work order needed.
- Fencing and brush removal at Historic Coloured Cemetery along Land Bank boundary,
- Installation of Corner Markers and New Map at Polpis Cemetery: under way.
- Ongoing, D-2 treatment of monuments.