

NANTUCKET CEMETERY COMMISSION
Posted Meeting of July 9, 2025, at 3:00 pm
DPW Conference Room, 188 Madaket Road, with Zoom Connectivity

FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance, by Roll Call: Commissioners: Scott McIver, Allen Reinhard, and Lee Saperstein; Charlie Polachi, DPW, Cemetery Administrator, Bob Bystrowski, Real Estate Specialist. It was determined by roll call that there was a quorum at all times.

Absent: Frances Karttunen.

1. Call to Order.

Allen Reinhard called the meeting to order at 3:14 pm and recording of the meeting started: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aim8pFWE0rA&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhlyX1ozdd1bZ3zV8kXFp8M&index=62>.

2. Public and Commissioners Comments.

With no members of the public present, there were no public comments. Allen Reinhard commented that the term of Barbara White had ended and the current applicant, Jascin Finger, would be approved later in the day at the Select Board meeting.

3. Minutes of June 11, 2025.

Allen Reinhard asked for approval of the minutes of June 11, 2025, and Scott McIver so moved, with Lee Saperstein seconding the motion, which was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (Scott McIver, aye; Allen Reinhard, aye; and Lee Saperstein, aye.).

4. Polpis Cemetery.

Allen Reinhard said that he and Scott McIver would be working to layout additional plots in Polpis. The corner markers are here and he will use flags, surveyors' tapes, and string to mark the corners that will be marked. He and Scott McIver agreed to start work in the morning of July 14th.

Bob Bystrowski repeated last month's announcement of no formal action on the licenses for the encroachment into Polpis Cemetery by the abutters to the east and the need for a formal survey. Charlie Polachi also repeated his announcement that there is a work order for brush cutting and a new fence on the north side of Polpis Cemetery but that it may not be done until after the summer workload is dealt with.

5. Monument Restoration Project Update: Newtown Cemetery and bid for New North Cemetery.

Charlie Polachi repeated his report that work at Newtown Cemetery is underway to repair and restore monuments. The Invitation for Bids, IFB, for New North Cemetery has been approved and is in the queue for release.

With respect to Newtown Cemetery, Bob Bystrowski said that a formal title search remains underway. Lee Saperstein suggested that there is a file photocopied deeds somewhere in PLUS that is attached to his report on Newtown Cemetery and that it may be of assistance to the Title specialist.

6. Fencing at the Historic Coloured Cemetery along the Vesper Lane Side.

Charlie Polachi confirmed that a work order has been filed for fencing along the Vesper Lane side of the cemetery.

7. Thoughts and Discussion Regarding the Future of the Commission.

Allen Reinhard reviewed the great amount of progress made by the Cemetery Commission and then suggested that its next major project would be maintenance and revitalization of Newtown Cemetery. That activity, of course, depends upon a finding by Annual Town Meeting that Newtown is actually a cemetery. He looks forward to Jascin Finger joining the Commission and adding her thoughts and concerns to future agendas.

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

Scott McIver noted that the designs for a memorial in the HCC to Absalom and Hannah Boston were ready and should be added to next month's agenda when a full commission could review them.

With no requests for new or old business, Allen Reinhard declared adjournment by acclamation.

9. Adjournment.

Adjournment was a 4:00 pm.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 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=UCtldFIPSE9VTitrU05CVTJyOWkydz09>.

Respectfully submitted: _____; Date: 07/14/2025
Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary

Cemetery Projects List (as printed on the agenda):

1. Consolidation of lots at Newtown Cemetery with recordable survey. Awaiting action.
2. Begin Monument Restoration at Newtown Cemetery and establish contract status for New North Cemetery.
3. Fencing at the Historic Coloured Cemetery.
4. New map needed for Polpis addition of new lots.
5. Installation of new lot corner markers at Polpis.