

NANTUCKET CEMETERY COMMISSION
Posted Meeting of April 8, 2026, at 3:00 pm
DPW Conference Room, 188 Madaket Road, with Zoom Connectivity

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Attendance, by Roll Call: Commissioners: Jascin Finger, Scott McIver, Allen Reinhard, and Lee Saperstein; Charlie Polachi, Cemetery Administrator; Robert Bystrowski, Real Estate Specialist. It was determined by roll call that there was a quorum at all times; for reference, the correct Zoom link to join Cemetery Commission meetings is

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 863 3703 7514

Passcode: 983505

Absent: Frances Karttunen.

1. Call to Order.

Allen Reinhard called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm; a roll call established the listed attendance. The link to the video recording is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cC8NbkBLip8&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhIyX1ozdd1bZ3zV8kXFp8M&index=69>.

2. Public and Commissioners Comments.

Before beginning, Allen Reinhard asked if the lot corner markers for Polpis Cemetery had arrived. He was assured by Charlie Polachi that they had and that Scott McIver had them. Allen Reinhard said that they would be discussed in Agenda Item 4.

3. Minutes of February 11, 2026.

Allen Reinhard asked for approval of the minutes of March 11, 2026; Scott McIver made that motion and Jascin Finger seconded it; it was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (Allen Reinhard, aye; Jascin Finger, aye; Scott McIver, aye; and Lee Saperstein, aye.).

4. Polpis Cemetery.

As mentioned in Commissioners' comments, the next agenda item was a report on the installation of new corner markers for the extended lots in Polpis Cemetery that face the Polpis Road. Charlie Polachi said that the markers had been received by the Town and that he and Scott McIver would install them as soon as the weather improved.

Allen Reinhard observed that he had seen a new white, marble monument marker in Polpis. It was approved by the Commission but the material of the stone had not been discussed. It was most likely marble and may have been emplaced by the Veterans Administration. The

commission may wish to amend its memorial approval process to include the type of stone. All agreed that marble may be attractive but that it is not durable. [Action: Review approval form for monuments.]

5. Monument Restoration Project Update.

Ludlow Memorial, LMC, continues to await warmer weather before working on the monuments in New North Cemetery. Some of the chemicals that they use to restore broken stones need to be in an atmosphere warmer than ours at present. In response to Lee Saperstein's question about the GPR survey in Old North, Charlie Polachi said that the field work is finished and we are awaiting their written report. It will be shared when it arrives.

6. Newtown Cemetery: Progress Update.

As reported last month, Charlie Polachi reported that Blackwell & Associates have performed a recordable survey of Newtown Cemetery in anticipation of Article 81 at the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting. That article is on page 155 of the Warrant and has a positive recommendation from the Finance Committee. While unlikely to be called, Chair Reinhard is ready to speak on its behalf if it should be.

7. Thoughts on Commission Future.

Allen Reinhard said that his term is due for renewal and that he is weighing his options for future service among the various committees and boards to which he belongs. He will keep the Commission apprised of his decision on renewal. Several commissioners spoke of potential new members, particularly from the NHA. Frances Karttunen had said that, upon her return, she would contact them.

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

Scott McIver reported that he had done more research on the Absalom Boston memorial. Originally, he felt that it would \$8900 for the stone and its inscription with another \$500 for installation. He realizes now that this would be for a marble memorial. A granite one, which would be preferred, would be \$4800 plus installation. In that he has approval for the memorial, he said that he would start work on a granite one, with a goal of having it ready by Juneteenth (June 19, 2026).

9. Adjournment.

Adjournment was by acclamation at 3:25 pm.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 3:00 pm, in the DPW conference room at 188 Madaket Road and by Zoom.

Cemetery Projects List:

- Consolidation of lots at Newtown Cemetery with recordable ground survey: Awaiting action.
- Begin monument restoration at New North Cemetery
- Installation of new Lot Corner markers at Polpis and new Lot map.

Respectfully submitted: Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary; Date: 04/11/2026

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QUAKER CEMETERY

THIS FRIENDS BURIAL GROUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1731,
AND OVER THE NEXT CENTURY AND EVEN YEARS BEYOND,
THOUSANDS OF FRIENDS WERE LAID TO REST HERE IN
UNMARKED GRAVES, LEAVING THE FIELD SEEMINGLY EMPTY.
THE FEW EXISTING HEADSTONES WERE PLACED BY
HICKSITE AND GURNEYITE QUAKERS.

LUDLOW MEORIAL COMPANY INC.

SIZE: 3-6 X 0-10 X 1-6
COLOR: STORMY GRAY
DRAWN BY: JTRUSZ
DATE: 12925
REV 21726

PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

WE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY ERRORS ONCE THIS
ORDER HAS BEEN APPROVED.

APPROVAL: _____
DATE: _____