

TOWN OF ARLINGTON



**Cemetery Commission**

Date: April 13, 2022  
Time: 9:00am  
Location: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Chapel

**Minutes**

Attendance: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, Brian Hasbrouck, DPW Director, Mike Rademacher, DPW Op. Manager, Dan Warren, Cemetery Supervisor, Jason Jones

1. Minutes approved, with corrections, for March 09, 2022
2. Deeds (4) were signed
3. Chapel windows; two (2) restored chapel windows should be back in place by the end of April.
4. OBG; stones returned by the Jason Russell house will be placed back at the Old Burying Ground by Kevin Duffy. Michele talked about the trees that were removed when the work on the wall was being done. There were four (4) sugar maples and four (4) junipers planted. Flowering crab apples will need to be replaced but we will wait till they flower to see which kind.
5. Arbor day; tree assessment will be done at the cemetery and pruning will take place.
6. Memorial Day parade will be coming through the cemetery.
7. Jean will get a quote for chapel floors to be done.
8. Disinterments for GG-533 and EE-283 were approved.
9. Marisa Lau from planning joined the meeting at 9:30 to talk about the town-owned Historic Property Survey. The purpose of the inventory is to propose resources for the National Register. The Master Plan survey should have been done in 2020 but was postponed due to Covid. There is a meeting for each phase and phase #2 is meeting in June and Marissa will forward Jean the information. Marissa left the meeting at 9:48am.

10. Columbarium circle; Michele was in contact with Mike Ciampa, Director of Inspectional Services, about ADA compliance for the bench. Only 50% of the benches in the area have to be compliant but ADA doesn't pertain to us as a cemetery. A granite bench should be fine to place. Mike thought it would be best to stay compliant. Michele suggested Kevin Duffy for a granite bench. Michele commented about the blotching of the color and the flaking. Dan will look at.
11. Columbarium; should we reduce the price of the back niches. Should we put more thought into a path behind, maybe a bench as well? Mike suggested a landscape architect may have some ideas and Michele will reach out to the Conservation Commission.
12. Bird watching; Michele had a conversation with Marge from Mass. Audubon. Marge was not happy with crowd control and reminded us that it was illegal to harass the birds. Sign will be made up and posted at the intersection with some rules to abide by.
  - a. Hours: Sunrise to 10A
  - b. Be respectful of cemetery business and visitors
  - c. Observe from paved surfaces only
  - d. Do not block roads
  - e. Federal guidelines state a distance of 300ft must be kept from an active nest, and a distance of 90ft from an eagle perched in a tree or on the ground
13. Monthly numbers were reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57am  
Next meeting will be May 25, 2022

Respectfully submitted  
Jean Smith

Board of Cemetery Commissioners  
Michele A. Hassler, Chairperson  
William F. McCarthy  
Brian L. Hasbrouck