

TOWN OF  
ARLINGTON



**Cemetery Commission**

Date: March 08, 2023  
Time: 9:06am  
Location: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Chapel

**Minutes**

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

1. Minutes of February 08, 2023 were approved
2. Deeds (2) were signed
3. Bin blocks; existing blocks will be replaced with newer ones that are higher and longer. Fencing or plantings could be placed to beautify the area.
4. Eagles;
  - a. Discussed the events of past week with female eagle being sick/dying and the crowd/follower/unsolicited media response.
  - b. Per MA General Laws, Chapter\_114, Section 42B, no person shall use the premises of a cemetery or burial place for the purpose of taking photographs or making a motion picture for commercial purposes without the previous consent of the board of commissioner, trustees, or directors of such cemetery or burial place or their designees. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

- c. Discussed how to decrease intensity of the visitors/followers of the eagles and how to have compliance with rules/regulations/expectations of the cemetery as it seems to have been forgotten that the eagles are nesting in a very active cemetery.
  - d. Mike stated that a new ACO was hopefully to be hired soon and to call Town Manager to see if some help with the Police Chief and patrolling cemetery could help. Michele will call.
  - e. Options for getting information out – new sign, pamphlets, add info to website, continue with in-person reminders as able to be taken as first steps. Michele will work with Jean on this.
  - f. Beth Melofchick spoke on behalf of the eagle followers/photographers, thanked the cemetery for watching over eagles. Talked about efforts to end rodenticide. Suggest Mass. Audubon might be helpful. Brian to call.
5. Kevin Duffy will be helping with cemetery stone needs and will put together a list soon.
  6. Ray Dunetz to be at next meeting to discuss columbarium improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am  
Next Meeting will be April 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted  
Jean Smith

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