

TOWN OF  
ARLINGTON



**Cemetery Commission**

Date: October 9, 2024  
Time: 9:03am  
Location: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Chapel

**Minutes**

Attendance: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, Brian Hasbrouck,  
DPW Director, Mike Rademacher

Guest attendee; David Morgan, Environmental Planner and  
Conservation Agent and Beth Locke, Arlington Chamber of  
Commerce

1. David Morgan discussed adding a cemetery zone to the open space list. This would protect the cemeteries. Cemeteries are now zoned as R1 which is residential. The change of zoning would need a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting and also go in front of Attorney General. Commissioners would put the language in. David will have a conversation with overseers of Prince Hall Cemetery and St. Paul's Cemetery. Meadowbrook Park being used as a recreational park is not an issue right now.
2. Bridge; Mike has started a conversation with MWRA about the bridge in the cemetery.
3. Michele asked Mike about the signing off on the work done at the columbarium.
4. Mike left the meeting at 9:43am
5. David mentioned work being done about the flooding at Cooke's Hollow. David left the meeting at 9:49am.

6. Beth Locke addressed the Commission about the planting of daffodils at the Old Burying Ground. This is part of a project being done to line up with the commemoration of the Battle. They are planning on planting October 20, 2024. The Commission approved the planting at the British and Slave Monuments, the Pierce Stone and at the high points of grass. There will be no scattering at gravestones.
7. Minutes of September 11, 2024 were approved.
8. Four (4) deeds were signed.
9. Kevin Duffy repaired the slate stone at the entrance of the cemetery. Michele will ask him about cleaning the columbarium.
10. Disinterment form was tabled.
11. Veteran spousal burials tabled.
12. Mapping of new sections still a concern.
13. Inquiry was made about casket burial without a funeral director.
14. September numbers were given.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10  
Next meeting scheduled will be  
November 13, 2024

Respectfully submitted  
Jean Smith

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