

# Cemetery Commission Meeting

Wednesday Feb 15, 2023 · 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Town of Hudson, 78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749, 3rd Fl Conf Room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm. In attendance, Nelson Santos, Eric Ryder, Thomas Garrity.

## Agenda Items:

1. Meeting Minutes from previous meeting approved by motion and unanimous vote.
2. Damage due to winter storms at Main Street Cemetery and fallen trees discussed. Per Eric Ryder no damage was done to any stones. Once the winter weather clears up the DPW will begin site cleanup.
3. Eric Ryder (DPW) provided an update of the ongoing retaining wall project at Forestvale. Project is underway and the remaining – second phase of the project (left side of entrance) to follow after current phase one. Caps on the retaining wall are not set but under review if they will be mortared in or remain as is.
4. Eric Ryder (DPW) provided update that the new section in the back of Forestvale is currently being numbers and available lots will be available for purchase.
5. Eric Ryder (DPW) provided an update regarding the Forestvale Cemetery that about 15 dangerous trees will be removed in the Spring and the front area near the road/wall will be reseeded. Additionally, a new sign will be installed at Forestvale.
6. The Commissioners discussed the status of overgrown bushes next to individual gravesites. Commission by unanimous vote agreed at this time to proceed on a case-by-case basis in removal after DPW tries to contact family related to the decedent to see if they would like them.
7. Financial update was review was tabled as Commissioners are pending updates from Town Accountant.

## New Business

1. Eric Ryder (DPW) advised that the Cemetery has been using loam from the DPW stock for various land improvement at the Cemetery. Cemetery Commission by unanimous vote agreed to purchase replenishment loam for what was used by Cemetery in the amount of \$6,500.00.
2. Eric Ryder (DPW) advised that the current equipment is in good condition at the Cemeteries for staff use. Recently a new lowering device for caskets was purchased.

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:03pm.

APPROVED MINUTES AS OF 9/15/2023

