



**Minutes of the Cemetery Commission  
September 23,  
78 Main Street, Hudson MA 01749  
3rd Floor Conference Room**

Meeting convened at Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Nelson Santos, Duane Searles, Thomas Garrity.

Others present: Eric Ryder (DPW), Michael Volk

Nelson Santos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes for Approval: Previous meeting minutes not available.

Eric Ryder provided the following updates in connection with the Forestvale and Main Street Cemeteries:

- Phase 1 of the Forestvale Cemetery wall is complete. Funding for the second phase of the wall will likely 2026. This will be for the left-side of the entrance to Forestvale Cemetery.
- Winter graves will have maintenance and grass this spring.
- If the Override Vote on the ballot for May 2025 does not get approved, the Cemetery staff and DPW staff in general will be impacted.
- Some paving will be done this Spring and Summer.
- A new sign will be installed at the Second entrance to Forestvale Cemetery this Spring/Summer.
- No equipment or maintenance is currently needed. However, it is likely a new “loader” will be required in the near future.
- No warrants for Town Meeting are required at this time.

Financial Review

- Financials were not available for review. This will be postponed and likely occur quarterly or biannually.

Paupers Cemetery Inquiry (Michael Volk, Citizen)

- Michael Volk explained that there is a Paupers Cemetery, which was formerly part of the Hudson Poor Farm, which was shut down many years ago. The property is now owned privately and off Lower Main Street in Hudson. Mr. Volk inquired whether the Cemetery Commission had the authority to purchase or make it into a Town Cemetery.

- There was discussion whether the Cemetery Commission has authority to purchase land.
- Nelson Santos commented that the authority of the Cemetery Commission is essentially for the care and maintenance of the Cemetery, and it is likely that this would be an issue that the Town Manager and Selectboard would need to weigh in on.
- The attendees further discussed doing further research and review on this matter.

#### Old Business

- None.

#### New Business

- Discussion of having monthly meetings, and if no business is pending, the meeting can be cancelled. The Cemetery Commission voted, and it was unanimous to conduct a monthly meeting on the Second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise posted.
- Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 12 at 6 pm via Zoom. Notice to be posted.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting: There were no items.

Adjourn: By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

List of Documents Used by the Commission at the Meeting:

1. Meeting Agenda

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_