



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

Meeting convened at Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:01 PM.

Members present: Michael Volk, Thomas Garrity, and Nelson Santos.

Others present: None.

Nelson Santos called the meeting to order at 6:01:PM.

Previous Meeting Minutes for Approval:

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1. Call meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes, if any.
  - a. No meeting minutes were available for vote. Meeting Minutes draft notes were improperly saved and not available.
  - b. However the Cemetery Commissioners did vote to reapprove the following that was voted for in the affirmative at the last meeting:
    - i. The Cemetery Commissioner will meet monthly, if there is pending business on the Second Monday of the Month. The Zoom instructions will be recurring. On the first month of each quarter the Cemetery Commission will seek to review financials from the Town.
3. DPW suggestions and requests.
  - a. DPW Director, Eric Ryder was not in attendance as he was on vacation.
4. Financial Review
  - a. To be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> month of each quarter.
5. Old Business
  - a. Paupers Cemetery
    - i. Commissioner Thomas Garrity presented information and documents he was able to independently research.
    - ii. Copies of documents/emails attached to final meeting minutes
    - iii. Research and finding found:
      1. Potential of 40-50 burial sites

2. Located across the street from 555 Main Street, Hudson MA. It is privately owned. The property was sold by the Town of Hudson previously.
3. The State of MA did research many years and found that their is a revolutionary war veteran buried there. Thomas also discovered through the Veteran's Dept that their is a plaque there memorializing this.
- iv. The Cemetery Commissioners generally discussed questions and topics to table for the next meeting.
  1. What can the Cemetery Commission Due
  2. Is a fence possible or a plaque for all those buried
  3. Send request to the Town Clerk if there was any correspondence from the State regarding the Paupers Cemetery
  4. Reach out to the Selectboard to see if they have ideas on how to protect it
  5. Determination of what if anything the Cemetery Commissioners can do
6. New Business
  - a. Grubs at Forestvale
    - i. The Commissioners discussed the inquiry the board received regarding grubs. Per discussions with Eric Ryder the cost to treat the entire cemetery is prohibitive.
  - b. Flag Pole at Forestvale
    - i. A new flag pole has been installed at forestvale.
    - ii. The board discussed lighting for the flag.
    - iii. Nelson moved to seek quote for a solar light for the new flag pole. Seconded by Thomas. Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
  - c. Michael Volk discussed interest in how the board could find burial statistic and statistics regarding covid burials during the covid pandemic. The Cemetery Commissions suggested reaching out to the Town Clerk and DPW Director.
  - d. Availability for Lots and Growth Projections
    - i. The commissioners discussed seeking the opinion of the DPW Director regarding the availability of Lots at Forestvale. This was tabled for the next meeting.
7. Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting: There were no items.
8. Adjournment MOTION: Nelson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Michael Volk. Motion unanimously approved.

List of Documents Used by the Commission at the Meeting:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Emails regarding Paupers Cemetery Research
3. Emails regarding Flag Pole

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