



**Minutes of the Cemetery Commission
78 Main Street, Hudson MA 01749
Via Zoom Video Conference**

Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/11/2025

Time: Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Adjourned: 6:27 PM

1. Attendance

- **Members Present:** Commissioners: Nelson Santos, Thomas Garrity, and Michael Volk and DPW Director Eric Ryder were present. No others.

2. Meeting Minutes Approval

- Commissioners, Michael Volk's name was corrected/revised on the available meeting minutes up for vote. A motion was made to approve 7/14/2025, and was approved unanimously with one abstention, by Eric Ryder since he was not in attendance.
- Nelson Santos, Chairperson, reported the notes of the 5/12/2025 meeting was lost, thus no minutes are available.

3. Updates from DPW – Eric Ryder:

- Grub issues are under control. Regular treatment is typically not budgeted. Grub's are dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- Diazinon has been used for pest treatment.
- Grass seed will be applied for fall season growth.
- Funding for Phase B remains available for the wall project which is under completion.

- Four trees were donated by a resident, who wishes to remain anonymously and will be planted. This is the second donation.

4. Financials

- No financials available for review.
- Nelson advised that he email current rules, lots sales information, and cemetery information he has available to commissioners.

5. New Business

- **COVID-19 Research:** Michael Volk discussed his interest in seeing COVID-related versus non-COVID deaths/funerals. Eric Ryder will investigate seeing if there is any way to obtain reporting.
- **Grave Site Availability Estimate:** Eric Ryder responded to Michael Volks request on the estimate for availability but with current land there are approximately 15,000 or more; grave sites available or available with tree cutting.
- **Halloween Tours:** Nelson Santos discussed that the Hudson Recreation Dept would be running a similar gravesite tour event.
- **Nelson reported that he received correspondence with no letter that was forwarded to the DPW.** Michael Volk stated he sent the letter to determine how mail is transmitted to the Cemetery Commission. His concern is a letter from the State Archeology Department was sent but never forwarded to the Commissioners in connection with the Paupers Cemetery. Eric Requested that Michael Volk could look into the letter being resent to him directly.

6. Old Business

- **Paupers Cemetery:** Discussion continued – See New Business.

7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Nelson Santos, seconded by Eric Ryder.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.