

**MINUTES
CEMETERY COMMISSION
AUGUST 20, 2025
VINE HILLS CEMETERY OFFICE**

Committee Members present: Frank Drollett (Chairperson), Mary Aveni (Secretary), Dan Holland, Richard Quintal, Everett Malagutti; Committee Members absent: Matthew Glynn

Town Staff present: Diane Maguire, Cemetery & Crematory Superintendent

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. A quorum was present

Reorganization of Commission: Frank Drollett was reappointed as Chairperson and Mary Aveni as Secretary in a unanimous vote.

The minutes of April 9, 2025, were approved as written.

Route 80 update –

After a bidding process, Green Acres Landscape and Construction of Lakeville, Massachusetts was appointed by Procurement to construct Phase 1 of the Route 80 cemetery project. The Select Board will be deciding on a name. Software for the new cemetery was discussed. Committee members spoke about having mausoleums incorporated into future phases. Mr. Quintal asked that the Superintendent update the Select Board in the fall. A discussion was also had on having a groundbreaking ceremony. The Superintendent will reach out to the Communications Director for direction.

Burial Hill update –

A beech tree was removed from Burial Hill as it was diseased. The Superintendent discussed adding money for large tree removals and treatment to future budgets. The status of the Hearse House was discussed. The Superintendent reported that people have been trying to break in. After meetings on site with DPW and Maintenance it was determined that a wrought iron fence, new doors and shutters for the windows would make the building more secure and add to the aesthetic. The Superintendent will attend the Historic District Commission meeting on 8/27/2025 to get their input. A \$24,000.00 federal grant was awarded to the town for the assessment of 1,000 monuments, stones and obelisks.

White Horse Cemetery access update –

The town's legal counsel is reviewing the easement prior to construction beginning.

Committee Discussions –

The committee discussed opening additional space in Cedarville Cemetery where some area was previously cleared. The Superintendent will discuss this with the DPW Director.

A discussion was had about fencing off the back corner of Manomet Cemetery. This section which contains graves is being used as a cutoff from Brentwood Circle with graves continually being walked over. The Superintendent will ask the DPW Director for direction.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.