

**MINUTES
CEMETERY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 15, 2025
VINE HILLS CEMETERY OFFICE**

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

Town Staff present: Diane Maguire, Cemetery & Crematory Superintendent, William Coyle, DPW Director, Peter Gordon, Water Superintendent

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. A quorum was present

The minutes of August 20, 2025, were approved as written.

Pump Station Presentation – Water Superintendent Peter Gordon presented plans for a pump station to be located on Samoset Street outside of the cemetery fence. This pump station is to help alleviate the water deficit currently facing West Plymouth. A discussion was held about the aesthetics of the building with committee members stating they would like it to be as small as possible without a large roof peak. A retaining wall will also be installed. The committee also suggested leaving as many trees as possible. Superintendent Gordon will be returning to a future Commission meeting with more detailed plans and sketches.

Route 80 update –

An update of the project was provided by Director Coyle. The Massachusetts Historic Commission and DOT permits are moving slowly along. MHC sent a detailed letter asking for more information and clarification. The response is being worked on.

There will be a working group for the interpretive sign that is going to be installed. This will include a paid historian as well as town staff. A groundbreaking ceremony will be planned as soon as the permitting process is completed.

The Commission members spoke about a name for the cemetery. After some discussion it was decided to send the name of Freedom Memorial Cemetery to the Select Board for consideration. The motion was made by Daniel Holland and seconded by Mary Aveni. The motion passed unanimously

Burial Hill – Hearse House

Superintendent Maguire spoke to the filing of a CPC request in the amount of \$568,172.00 for the renovation of the Hearse House on Burial Hill. Among other items, this would include a new roof/gutters, windows, doors and a fence around the building. It will be under consideration at the April 2026 town meeting.

White Horse Cemetery access update –

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

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.