

NANTUCKET CEMETERY COMMISSION
Posted Meeting of October, 14, 2020, at 3:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Conference

FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioners: Frances Karttunen (3:12 pm), Scott McIver, Allen Reinhard (Chair), Lee Saperstein and Barbara White; Staff: Rob McNeil, Director, DPW, Hannah Nicolle, DPW, and Ken Beaugrand (left at 3:30 pm), Real Estate Specialist. Attendance was verified by voice roll call and there was a quorum at all times.

1. Call to Order.

Chair Allen Reinhard called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. An oral roll call was taken to verify attendance in the Zoom record.

2. Public Comment.

None

3. Approval of Recent Lot Sales at Polpis and Process for Handling Paperwork.

Allen /Reinhard introduced this item by explaining the process of selling a lot in Polpis. He meets with applicants at the cemetery and they select a lot. An application and a check go to the DPW and then the Commission votes to approve the application. Unfortunately, with the pandemic, this may take weeks if not months to complete.

Hannah Nicolle noted that we had two applications that could be approved at this meeting; Allen Reinhard took them up.

Robert and Elizabeth Sibley-Liddle, Plots C-9, C-10, and C-11; moved by Barbara White, seconded by Scott McIver, and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Sigurd Robert Wendin, Jr., Plot E-15, moved by Lee Saperstein, seconded by Scott McIver, and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Returning to the question of process, Lee Saperstein asked if there were any way that the Commission could vote on these approvals outside of posted meetings. Allen Reinhard said that he would work with Ken Beaugrand to find out; he said that they would start with Erika Mooney. [Action: Allen Reinhard to ask Erika Mooney about plot-sales approvals before the regularly scheduled meeting.]

4. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2020.

Scott McIver moved approval of the minutes from the meeting of September 10th and Barbara White seconded the motion. Approval by voice roll call vote was unanimous.

5. Memorial Stone at Quaise Update.

Allen Reinhard asked Scott McIver for an update on the memorial stone at Quaise and he replied that the stone has been ordered and is on its way to Nantucket. Once here, he will engrave it and then ask the Commission to hold a meeting at the burial ground to choose a site for the stone. Lee Saperstein suggested that we contact the newspaper when it is due to be installed so that we can get some publicity for it.

6. Arbor Historic Coloured Cemetery Update and Plan for Fence Installation.

Again, in response to a question from Allen Reinhard, Scott McIver said that the stone for the gateway has been ordered and, once it is here, the Commission should hold a meeting at the site to discuss placement and fencing. Frances Karttunen commented on the path across Land Bank land and how it should lead to the newly marked entrance. Allen Reinhard will stay in contact with Rob McNeil, DPW Director, about fence installation and any needed clearing of vegetation.

7. Polpis Cemetery Update.

Ken Beaugrand said that there is nothing new to report on an official encroachment letter to the abutting neighbors. He is still waiting on Town Counsel to provide guidance on an official encroachment letter. Meanwhile, he offered to send the abutting neighbors, a less formal letter and asked Allen Reinhard for any photographs that he might have of the encroachments.

[Action: Allen Reinhard said that he had pictures and would forward them to Ken Beaugrand.]

8. Layout of New Lots at Polpis.

Allen Reinhard, referring back to the Commission's approval of two sales in item 3., said that there may be no more than 30 lots at Polpis available for sale and that we need to consider laying out new ones. For this to happen, brush needs to be cleared to accommodate expansion and the Commission needs to order new toe and corner markers for the new plots. He will work with Hannah Nicolle and Rob McNeil to order the markers and see that they are appropriately marked with lot numbers. When the DPW is ready to clear brush, the Commission should schedule a site meeting to consider where the new plots will go. [Action: Allen Reinhard to work with DPW to order markers.]

Allen Reinhard related that, as Chair, he is the one who is the primary interface with clients. Perhaps one or two other members of the Commission should join him when he meets with prospective lot purchasers at Polpis to gain insight into the process.

9. Commissioners Comments, Old, New and Other Business; Date of November Meeting; Access to Historic

The bulk of the new business discussion revolved around the daffodil project. Allen Reinhard reminded Commissioners that he had sent an e-mail telling about his meetings with Mary Malavase and Dave Champoux and the advice they gave him. With consent from the

Commissioners, he will ask the DPW to order 1000 bulbs of a naturalizer selection. When they come, the Commission agreed that they will schedule a meeting at the cemeteries to plant as many as possible in the Historic Coloured Cemetery with the excess to go to the cemeteries that are most visible: Quaker and New and Old North. Hannah Nicolle volunteered to move the grant from the Garden Club through the Select Board agenda for approval so that it may go into the Cemetery fund. Frances Karttunen volunteered that she had 200 bulbs intended to another purpose but that she would give them to the Commission if the purchase did not work out.

With respect to access to the Historic Coloured Cemetery from the hospital, Allen Reinhard has been assured that a contractor has been engaged to build it. He also noted that Japanese Knotweed, an invasive species, has taken hold around the Cemetery and this will need to be treated along with bush removal.

10. Adjournment came by consensus at 4:06 pm.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, November 11, at 3:00 pm by Zoom Video Conferencing

Respectfully submitted: _____; Date: _____
Lee W. Saperstein