

**NANTUCKET CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**Posted Meeting of January 9, 2019, at 3:00 pm**  
**Department of Public Works Office, 188 Madaket Road**

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AND REVIEW**

**Attendance:** Commissioners Frances Karttunen, Scott McIver, Allen Reinhard (Chair), Lee Saperstein, and Barbara White; Cemetery Administrator Rob McNeil

**1. Call to Order.**

Chair Allen Reinhard called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm. There was a quorum at all times.

**2. Public Comment**

There was none.

**3. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2018.**

Fran Karttunen moved and Barbara White seconded approval of the minutes from the meeting of December 5, 2018. Approval was unanimous.

**4. Daffodil bulbs planted at Founders Burial Ground**

On Saturday December 8, 2018, Commissioners Karttunen, McIver, Reinhard, and White gathered at Founders' Burial Ground to plant 100 daffodil bulbs. Allen Reinhard said that he intended to revisit the cemetery in the spring expressly to check on their growth. He also reported that he had been there recently to check erosion on the laneway into the cemetery. Because the way goes uphill from the access road, there was some erosion but it was not excessive. Rob McNeil asked about erosion on the access road where it joins Cliff Road. The reply was that there was some by the edge of the pavement on Cliff Road. Rob McNeil will have the DPW clean up the access road.

**5. Polpis land swap update.**

Allen Reinhard said that he had literally just received an e-mail from the land-owners' attorney asking for a written proposal and a survey laying out the details of the swap. He then suggested that we use the Holdgate plan for this purpose. Rob McNeil thought that this might work as a concept document because we need an evaluation of land values before we may set the boundaries of the lands to be swapped. This evaluation must be done independently; hence we may not use Town officials for this purpose. With respect to surveying, it is currently very difficult to get a qualified surveyor.

Rob McNeil suggested that he and Allen Reinhard write the proposal and ask the Town Manager to have it reviewed by Town Counsel. [Action: Write proposal and have it reviewed before forwarding to the attorney for the abutting land owners.]

## **6. Select Board items: Perpetual Care definition, Declaration of Newtown boundary.**

Allen Reinhard has met with Erika Mooney who will re-present the two motions: definition of perpetual care to be added to the Cemetery Regulations and a declaration of the Newtown Cemetery boundaries, to the Town Manager for inclusion on a future Select Board agenda. Lee Saperstein offered to forward the Hager-Richter map of burials found by a ground-penetrating radar survey to Allen Reinhard and Rob McNeil. [Done]

Rob McNeil reported that the DPW is planning on drainage improvements on the residential portion of Cow Pond Lane that will discharge into the Cow Pond. As part of this work, the DPW would like to loop a water line from the hydrant on Cow Pond Lane beneath the footpath in the cemetery to Sparks Avenue. He asked the Commission if this would be alright. The informal answer was yes, provided that they use a re-located footpath that avoids all known burials.

## **7. CPC Grant updates.**

Allen Reinhard has checked with the Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, Ken Beaugrand, on the Status of our two grant funds. Ken Beaugrand suggested that he check with their administrator, Glenna Stokes-Scarlett, in their office in the Coffin School. She reported that funds are still in place and available. Allen Reinhard has given her, hence the CPC, an assurance that there are plans in place for projects that will use these funds within the next two years.

## **8. Commissioners comments: Future direction and plans for Town cemeteries.**

At the recent open house for the new hospital, Allen Reinhard looked for the proposed landscaping entry to the Historic Coloured Cemetery. It was not clear to him where it will be; he said that he will check with the hospital's spokesperson on its status. He will also see if there can be coordination with the Land Bank for a connection to its adjacent property and small parking area. Frances Karttunen said that there should be a sign on Vesper Lane marking the way to the historic cemetery.

Scott McIver reported that monument and lot corners have been placed in New North Cemetery for the Fowlkes plot.

Frances Karttunen reported that she has been asked frequently on how to find the Quaise Asylum Burial Ground and suggested strongly that we need an historic cemetery sign for it, both on the Polpis Road and at the parking area. There was general agreement to this. Allen Reinhard will follow up on this suggestion with the Nantucket Conservation Foundation, who control the surrounding land. Allen Reinhard and Frances Karttunen mentioned that they had learned from Maurice Gibbs that there is a blank stone that marked the cemetery by the former route of the Polpis Road. Allen Reinhard said that he has seen it.

## **9. Adjourn.** Adjournment was approved by acclamation at 3:51 pm.

**Next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 3:00 pm in the conference area of the DPW Office, 188 Madaket Road.**

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary

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