

NANTUCKET CEMETERY COMMISSION
Posted Meeting of March 8, 2023, at 3:00 pm
DPW Conference Room, 188 Madaket Road, with Zoom Connectivity

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Attendance: Commissioners: Frances Karttunen, Scott McIver, Allen Reinhard (Chair), Lee Saperstein, and Barbara White; Charlie Polachi and TaKyra Renner (DPW).

Guests: Leo Asadoorian, Surveyor (left at 3:16 pm), and Ken Beaugrand, Nantucket Town Real Estate Specialist (left at 3:16 pm).

1. Call to Order.

Allen Reinhard called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. He reminded participants that the session was being recorded

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXNHCKKwXZ8&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhccE5JdN4GOG9e_gycX11t8&index=32. A roll-call of attendees showed that a quorum existed.

2. Public and Commissioner Comments.

Lee Saperstein thanked Frances Karttunen for lending him her copy of Greg Melville's book, "Over My Dead Body: Unearthing the Hidden History of America's Cemeteries." When he is done reading it, he will pass it on to Scot McIver and Allen Reinhard. Those who have read it, Frances Karttunen and Barbara White remarked on how good it is.

3. Ken Beaugrand Report on Polpis Land Swap.

Allen Reinhard noted that Ken Beaugrand, Real Estate Specialist, and Leo Asadoorian, Professional Land Surveyor, were ready to report on the Polpis land swap and asked indulgence to amend the agenda so that Item 7. Polpis Land Swap Update may be taken first. The Commission quickly assented.

Leo Asadoorian provided a plan of the properties with lands to be swapped outlined on it. Proposed Parcel A would be given to the Town in exchange for Parcel B that would go to the abutters. Parcel B is dimensioned so as to eliminate their encroachment into the cemetery and meet zoning requirements for a sideline off-set. Because a plan of the abutter's land had been recorded in the Land Court, it will be necessary to get a recordable survey of the new boundaries for their land. The swapped lands will be treated as separate parcels until such time as they are formally consolidated with the existing parcels. Lee Saperstein and Scot McIver both noted that the proposed land swap included a "dog-leg" that seemed awkward. Leo Asadoorian agreed and said that he would provide a new plan showing a smoother layout. The original plan is attached as Option A and the revision is Option B.

Allen Reinhard asked about the needed survey and how it would be financed. Given the abutter's earlier statement that they would agree to the swap but did not want any expense, it

may be the responsibility of the Town. At least one commissioner said that the swap benefits the abutters substantially and that making the Town pay for their benefit seemed unfair. Ken Beaugrand agreed to look into this issue. The commissioners agreed that it should schedule a field trip to the property before making a final decision; such was arranged for Monday, March 20, 2023, at 10:00 am, which was convenient for all and far enough off to have a legal posting of it as a meeting. [Action: Allen Reinhard to post the meeting; commissioners to visit Polpis; thence return the swap for a formal vote at the next meeting.]

4. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2023.

After Leo Asadoorian and Ken Beaugrand left the meeting, Allen Reinhard returned to the order of the agenda. For the minutes of February 8, 2023, Scott McIver moved their adoption, Frances Karttunen seconded, and an unanimous roll-call vote approved them.

4. Approval of Lot Sales Since Last Meeting.

There were no lots sold in the previous month. Allen Reinhard reported that he had several enquiries but no one had pursued them to the point of meeting at the cemetery.

5. Decision and Order Corner Markers for New Lots to Be Laid Out at Polpis.

Allen Reinhard was reminded that the Commission had approved purchase of the markers at the last meeting and they have since been ordered.

6. Sherry Lowe Request to Place a Monument on the Craig Family Lot, Lot 109, Section ZZ, at New North Cemetery.

Allen Reinhard reported that he had been approached by Sherry Lowe, an acquaintance of his, who asked if the Craig family could place a memorial monument in their lot in New North Cemetery. She asked, also, if the family may restore a stone in their plot. It was clear that the family held the deed to the plot. Commissioners replied that, in general, they were favorably disposed to her requests and would make a formal motion to approve the memorial once it had received the appropriate application. They asked Allen Reinhard to tell her that there will be a major project to restore monuments in New North within the year. He said that it was his feeling that the family wished to move faster than that. Inasmuch as they own the plot, commissioners felt that there was no impediment to their restoring the stone.

7. Polpis Land Swap Update.

Item moved to “Commissioner Comments.”

8. Cemetery Commission Capital and Operating Budgets.

Allen Reinhard reminded the Commission that it needs an approved budget before it may spend lot-sales income, particularly on the monument restoration project. Charlie Polachi said that the

Finance Department will be inserting a line into the Parks and Recreation budget for that purpose. His recollection is that the amount will be in the order of 70 to 80 thousand dollars. Allen Reinhard recalled that applications for Community Preservation Act funds will be due in the early fall. Given the magnitude of work needed to restore monuments in all cemeteries, such an application will be essential. Barbara White added that ground-penetrating radar surveying in Newtown Cemetery should also be included in the application.

9. Old, New, Other Business and Final Comments.

Frances Karttunen noted that Google Maps had misidentified several of the Town's cemeteries, to which Charlie Polachi said that he had already contacted Google with a request for a corrections. She noted also that there would be a celebration of the African Meeting House this Friday at 7:00 pm in the Atheneum and on Zoom.

10. Adjournment.

Adjournment came at 3:58 pm by acclamation.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 3:00 pm, in the DPW conference room at 188 Madaket Road. For those who wish to attend virtually, a Zoom link will also be sent to Commissioners.

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

Nantucket Cemetery Projects List.

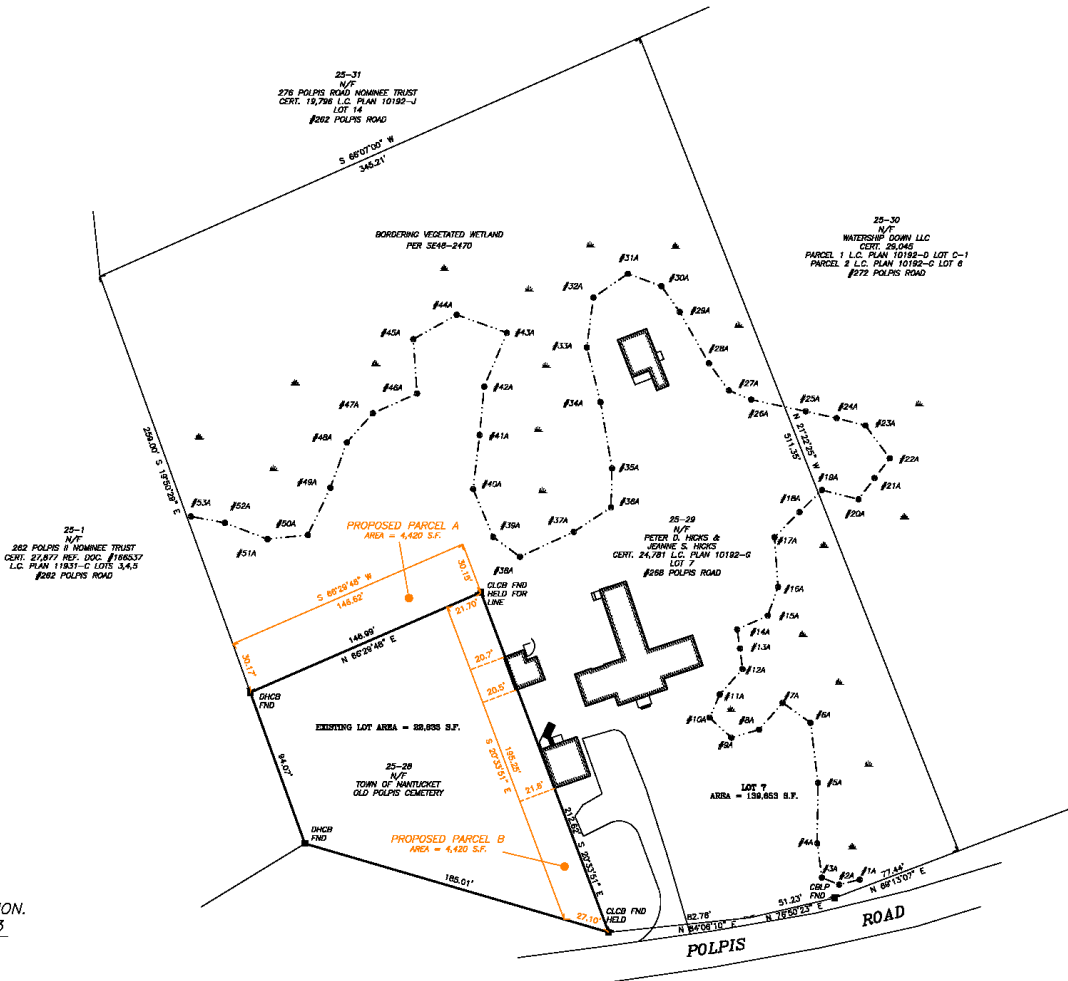
- Cemetery monument condition survey (completed); awarding of four more contracts for monument conservation.
- Split rail fence at Polpis Cemetery: installed in existing cemetery; needed in newly acquired land.
- Survey to lay out additional lots at Polpis.
- Toe and lot corner markers for new Polpis lots when laid out (purchase order in progress).
- Consolidation of lots at Newtown Cemetery with recordable ground survey.
- Fencing at the Historic Coloured Cemetery: sections installed, needed against Vesper Lane.
- Fencing and brush removal at New (fencing installed) and Old North Cemeteries.

CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION:
Limited Use General 3 (L.U.G.-3)

MINIMUM LOT SIZE: 120,000 S.F.
MINIMUM FRONTAGE: 200 FT.
FRONT YARD SETBACK: 35 FT.
REAR/SIDE SETBACK: 20 FT.
GROUND COVER % : 3%

LEGEND

- DCHB FND DENOTES CONCRETE BOUND WITH DRILLHOLE FOUND
- CLCB FND DENOTES CENTER LINE OF CONCRETE BOUND FOUND
- CBLP FND DENOTES CONCRETE BOUND WITH LEAD PILE FOUND

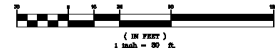


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DATE: 03-08-2023

Option A
BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 7
SHOWN ON LAND COURT PLAN 10198-G
Concept Plan of Land
in
Nantucket, Mass.
Prepared for
TOWN OF NANTUCKET
OLD POLPIS CEMETERY

Scale: 1" = 30' MARCH 08, 2023

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- **CHCB**
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- **CLCB**
FND DENOTES CENTER LINE OF CONCRETE BOUND FOUND
- **CRCP**
FND DENOTES CONCRETE BOUND WITH LEAD PLUG FOUND



Option B
BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 7
SHOWN ON LAND COURT PLAN 10192-G
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