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Massachusetts State Primary Election 2026

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Meeting date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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Present: Susan Psaledakis Catherine Irzyk, Susan Tully, Susan Conant

Meeting called to order 9:01a.m.

- Approved minutes from Nov. 13, 2024 meeting
- Signed deeds for Catherine Irzyk and Noreen Crandall.
- Sue Psaledakis made motion to accept new cemetery rates as of 2025 Catherine 2nd
  - Opening of graves $900.00
  - Interment of ashes $150.00
  - Flat markers $50.00
  - Grave corner bounds $10.00
  - Single lot $400.00 per grave includes perpetual care

- **Cemetery laptop:** Supt. Susan Conant would like to purchase a laptop with software to digitize cemetery records. Town does own some but too old to use. Susan P. moved to allow Supt. to purchase what she needs cost not to exceed $600.00. Funds to be taken out of Cemetery other supplies. Board agreed unanimously.
- Supt. plans on asking worker from last year to continue in 2025. If needed she will post for seasonal help. Supt. will explore what other cemeteries' hourly rates are.

Boule lot dispute

Email from Mary Foster

My parents got divorced many years ago. They co-owned 6 plots in Central Cemetery. The six lots were divided by the court decree when my parents got divorced. My father has passed and was buried on Monday. In the rules and regs it states that plots of 6 can only have one headstone. My step-mother will be putting a headstone on my father's grave but will not be big enough to add my mother when she passes. Will we be allowed to place a separate headstone for her other three lots when the time comes?

From: Susan Conant <sconant@dunstable-ma.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2025 2:27:04 PM
To: Mary Fortier <zephyr_03071@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: [External] [Dunstable MA] divison of cemetery plots due to a divorce (Sent by Mary Fortier, zephyr_03071@yahoo.com)

Hi Mary,

A copy of the court order would be helpful, thank you. The trouble with the dividing of the lot so that there could be two stones is that the layout has three grave sites to the north and three grave sites to

the south, not six consecutive lots. So, basically three in front and three behind a headstone. We do sell two-grave lots and four- grave lots so potentially there could be a split of the lot into one four-grave and one two-grave lot, in which case two monuments could be put in. I should mention that a total of one standard burial and four sets of cremated remains can be interred per gravesite and each interment can have its own flat marker. That may or may not be helpful in you and your mother's figuring, but I just wanted to put it out there, so you are aware.

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Thank you,
Mary Fortier

Reviewed this information

Suggested they both use flat markers.

Divide lot into 4- grave and a 2-grave lot

Cemetery Truck

Supt. expressed a need for a truck and trailer for use at the cemetery.

There is about $26,000.00 available to use for purchase. Will continue to see what is available.

For now, work with the Highway dept. To cover needs. **Meeting adjourned 10:01**

Cemetery Commission Rates

Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Meeting House Hill Cemetery

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