

**PROVINCETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 26, 2021**

**Present:** Michael Harpie (MH), Sharon Bunn (SB), Christopher Brooke (CB), Dawn Walsh (DW), Lynne Martin (LM), Michael Chute (MC), Jason Brown (JB).

**Absent:** None.

**Other Guests:** Robert “Bob” Capurso, Engineer (RC).

MH gaveled the meeting into session at 1:06pm.

Discussion and approval of proposed septic system for sink at Maintenance Building in Alden Street Cemetery.

MH noted that there is no toilet (they use a port-a-potty) and they have no running water besides an outside spicket. DPW would like an indoor sink for clean-up, etc. Estimates will be about \$12,000 for septic, sink, etc. provided by RC. Down the road, if it needed to be removed, that would be possible.

LM wanted to know if there are details around where this would go, what would be disturbed, etc. RC said that it would be on the left side of the building (facing the front, on the left) near the cremation burial area.

LM: That is where we would expand the cremation area, and I am concerned about using that area. I would like to see the plans in greater detail before I vote.

CB: Same concern as LM’s. Can’t vote until I see the plans.

MC: Wants clarification around the setbacks.

MH will share plans with the commission. Scheduled an in-person gathering in the cemetery to review the DPW shed site on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

Approve new plot sales.

To be approved in person at the Saturday, February 27, 2021 DPW on-site mtg.

Discuss and finalize Green Burial concerns to re-update Rules/Regulations/Prices and any additional changes therein, in order to schedule final Select Board approval.

MH feels that we will need to revise the Green Burial rules and regulations.

LM noted that the fee for green burials will be changed to the same price as normal burials.

DW doesn’t see any major changes, just a few language corrections in the rules and regulations.

SB agrees with LM’s comment about revising the fees, as well as DW’s comments.

CB agrees with both LM and DW’s comments.

### Cemetery Finances

MH: Finances are about the same as they were in the last meeting.

### American Horror Story Filming

Filming in Winthrop St. Cemetery on Saturday, March 6, 4pm-5:30am; and Wednesday, March 10, 7pm-4am. MC asked if there would be any money received. MH noted that there would be a donation per David Gardner.

### Update on CPA Grant/Bid for continued maintenance of monuments in Alden Street Cemetery

MH: Working on getting the bid out. Will work with Elizabeth Verde (Secretary for the Town Manager) to get the bid out this spring.

### Other business that may come before the Commission that could not have been reasonably anticipated within the Open Meeting Law requirements

MH: Brought up requests for people wanting to split their lots. Working with LM on how to map the plots, figure out what kind of precedent this would be, etc.

### Date of next regular meeting

MH: To be determined.

### Review minutes from September 18th, 2020 meeting

SB motion to approve the September 18, 2020 meeting minutes; MH seconded. Passed 7-0.

Meeting ended at 1:57pm.

Jason Brown  
Cemetery Commission