

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE**  
**Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Time of meeting: 10:00am

Place of Meeting: Town Offices and Zoom

50 Main Street

Stockbridge, MA 01262

**Present:**

Karen Marshall, Chair

Candace Currie, Vice-chair, At-large

Patrick White, Select Board

Pat Flinn, LHA representative

1. Approval of Minutes – October minutes are OK, but not approved due to lack of quorum.
2. Following Up...
  - a. Currie reported that a full-scale PDF for the sign stating ‘Cemetery Open Dawn to Dusk’ was emailed to Hugh Page who emailed the request to the sign vendor used by the Town. Currie asked for feedback from the sign maker re: width of letters. There has been no response.
  - b. Marshall reported she has emailed Greenagers to find out if they are interested in planting thyme around monuments in the historic section in the cemetery in the spring.
3. Update on bi-annual Cemetery cleanup before winter – No update
4. By-law revisions – completed discussion on proposed revisions.

**By-law Rewording Options**

- 1.1 The Cemetery Commission shall consist of seven members, appointed by the Select Board including one member or a representative from each, the Select Board and Laurel Hill Association. In the event Laurel Hill Association does not put forth a representative, the Select Board may choose another at-large individual. All members serve three-year terms. This Commission shall have charge, care, and management of the Town Cemeteries. This Commission shall write, update, and enforce Policies as needed. This Commission shall update Cemetery By-Laws and present for a vote at Town Meeting as needed.
- 1.2 Residents or homeowners (check with Town Counsel), including residents or homeowners who have needed to move out of town due to illness or health

circumstances requiring greater care, or have transferred their property interests to a parent, sibling, child, grandchild or other immediate family member, or to a family trust or other legal entity benefiting an immediate family member, shall be entitled, upon death, to be interred in a burial plot in the Town Cemetery, subject to the requirements of this Article. No right of interment pursuant to this Article may be transferred, or sold.

1.3 No change.

1.4 Strike it or Keep as is. Check with Counsel if OK to strike it.

1.4.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, any right to be interred in a burial plot shall be governed by the provisions of this Article in effect at the time the right was given, and by any conditions imposed thereon by the Cemetery Commission.

1.5 No Change.

1.6 - 1.8 to be proposed as new Policies that can be changed by the commission.

Ensure the Commission has the ability to write policies that do not need a vote at Town Meeting. (See language in 1.1).

Currie shared thoughts on these Policies. A section for Monuments and Markers and one for Plants. She'll send out a draft of these for the next meeting. It was determined that these don't need to be finalized with the by-laws (assuming the Commissions can write, update and enforce Policies without Town Meeting approval).

2.1. No Change

2.2 Strike requirement for permanent vaults

3.1 No change

5. Next meeting January 31, 2023