

TRUSTEES of CEMETERIES  
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**MEETING MINUTES OF: December 17, 2025**

A meeting of the Cemetery Board of Trustees was held at the Forest Dale Cemetery, 150 Forest Street, Malden on the above date, in accordance with the Notice of Meeting, as provided in G.L. c.30A, §§ 18-25. Notice was filed with the City Clerk's Office, City of Malden.

President James Tuxbury called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Members present were James Tuxbury, Vincent Miraglia, Joseph Barriss, Sheila Fermano and Superintendent Chris Rosa.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 17, 2025 meeting were read and upon the motion of Vincent Miraglia and seconded by Joseph Bariss, the Board voted to accept the minutes as read; all were in **CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**TREASURER REPORT:** Cemetery Superintendent Chris Rosa provided the following information: The Cemetery Trust received income for the month of November the amount of \$19,811.91 for Perpetual Care. This money was turned over to the Treasurer's office to be added to the Cemetery Trust accounts. Upon the motion of Sheila Fermano and seconded by Joseph Barriss, the Board voted to accept the Trust Report as read; all were in favor. **CARRIED**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** The Superintendent's report was received by the Trustees. Superintendent Rosa provided the following information: burials for the month of November were three (3) full burials in existing lots; two (2) lottery burials; one Veteran (1) burial; four (4) cremations in existing lots and one (1) Niche disinterment for a total of nine (9) burials.

- Superintendent Rosa said the prisoners finished up last week; BellRock and Salem Street cemeteries were caught up re: leaves.
- The newly formed community group, "Friends of the Forest Dale Arboretum" worked with the nationally known "Wreaths Across America" and sold around two hundred sixty (260) wreaths and on December 13<sup>th</sup>, over two hundred (200) wreaths were laid at Veterans' graves by more than forty/fifty volunteers. The group graciously donated their extra wreaths to the Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford (as they were unable to meet their quota) enabling them to participate in the program this year. Trustees commended the great effort and community participation in this regard and look forward to additional displays within the Cemetery.
- The Superintendent discussed National Grid and their attempt to put guidewires along the wall to support their poles; Superintendent Rosa put a stop to it and said they would restrict ADA compliance and cause potential problems for the staff when plowing; he said all parties were still in discussion as to what is allowed in the Cemetery and/or on the sidewalks; there is potential for removal of current guidewires within the Cemetery and some trees, which would be replaced in the spring.

- Superintendent Rosa said the water system within the Cemetery is the next priority to address. He said the plan is to have a few water stations throughout the Cemetery instead of the current system, which will be discontinued in the spring of 2026, in order to minimize costs.
- Superintendent Rosa said the pond will also need to be addressed with restorations along the border to minimize water loss.

The motion to accept Superintendent's report was made by Sheila Fermano and seconded by Joseph Barriss; all were in favor. **CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION ON NICHE DISINTERMENT:** Motion was made by Joseph Barriss and seconded by Vincent Miraglia to set a fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for a disinterment in the Niche wall; all were in favor. **CARRIED**

**REVIEW OF CEMETERY PRICING:** President Tuxbury told the Trustees the Mayor sent a notice to all departments regarding suggestions for future budgets and how to cut back on expenses. He said the Superintendent had done some comparative pricing with several surrounding cemeteries and our pricing schedule is significantly lower than those researched. Superintendent Rosa suggested raising the fee schedule as the cemetery gets closer to exhausting the land. By adjusting the fees, he said it would increase the Perpetual Care account. Motion was made by Vincent Miraglia and seconded by Joseph Barriss to increase the fees, effective February 1, 2025; all were in favor. **CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS/GENERAL CEMETERY BUSINESS:** Vincent Miraglia did some research on the Lord crypt and suggested the Superintendent get some pricing to repair it and funds could come from the Perpetual Care account.

**Next meeting of the Board of Trustees:** The next meeting of the Cemetery Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

**ADJOURMENT:** All business before the Board of Trustees having been completed and upon motion of Joseph Barriss and seconded by Vinnie Miraglia, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila Fermano, Secretary