

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES
MASSACHUSETTS

City of Malden

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James Tuxbury, Chairman
Sheila Fermano, Secretary
Joseph Barriss, Trustee
Vincent Miraglia, Trustee
William Settemio, Trustee

September 21, 2023

MEETING MINUTES OF: September 20, 2023

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.

Chairman James Tuxbury called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

The members present were James Tuxbury, Vincent Miraglia and Joseph Barriss. (William Settemio and Sheila Fermano were absent.) Superintendent Christopher Rosa also attended the meeting, as well as Lori Meady and Patrick McDonnell.

Motion was made by Vincent Miraglia to suspend regular order of business in order to hear from Mr. McDonnell. Motion was seconded by Joseph Barriss. Mr. McDonnell spoke about his concerns regarding the condition of the construction at the Veterans section. The Superintendent was able to inform the Trustees and Mr. McDonnell that the problem is being addressed as part of the Superintendent Report. Mr. McDonnell expressed his happiness after reading the report.

Motion was made by Vincent Miraglia to return to regular business; second was made by Joseph Barriss.

APPROVAL of CEMETERY MINUTES: The minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting were read and upon the motion of Joseph Barriss and seconded by Vincent Miraglia, the Board voted to accept the minutes as read; all were in favor. **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

TRUST REPORT: The Trust/Treasurer Report was read by Superintendent Chris Rosa. The Cemetery Trust received income for the month of June in the amount of \$22,643.26; July amount was \$16,537.97; August amount was \$12,613.47 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 Vincent Miraglia 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 and was read by Superintendent Rosa. Burials for the month of June were as follows: One (1) new double deep, one (1) new Veteran, and three (3) existing full lot burials for a total of five (5) burials. Burials for the month of July were as follows: two (2) new grave lots, one (1) new double deep, five (5) existing lot cremains and two (2) full burial existing lots for a total of ten (10) burials. Burials for the month of August were as follows: two (2) new grave lots, eight (8) existing lot cremains, one (1) lottery burial and two (2) full burial existing lots for a total of twelve (12) burials.

- Superintendent Rosa said the pond had been treated and functioning normally.
- Mowing has been a challenge this season with the rain; another mower has been ordered.

- The camera system mainframe has been replaced and we are waiting for new cameras due to a lightning strike.
- Master Plan for new burial lots on Apple Street is in the final state of planning and we are expecting to create 142 new double deep burial spaces.
- The space excavated in Section 113 will be graded and seeded in two weeks.
- Fall flower plantings have been scheduled for delivery.
- The cemetery has been awarded \$75,000 by Senator Lewis and funding will be available in early October.
- All Niche lottery winners have been notified and 23 of the 25 have been paid for so far.
- New lights for the cemetery have arrived and will be installed next week.
- The dedication of the gazebo to Ann Madigan should be completed by October.
- Arbor Tree continues to remove dead trees here and at Salem Street.
- Twenty-five (25) new trees, as well as trees for the orchard, will be planted when they arrive in 10-14 days.
- The rose garden along the Forest Street wall is being designed and will be planted in the spring.
- We are currently seeking local artists to paint 3x5 murals to be placed in the children's sections.
- CPC grant applications are in progress to rebuild the wall that existed around the pond and to repaint the wall along Forest Street.

Motion was made by Joseph Barriss and seconded by Vincent Miraglia to accept the Superintendent's Report; all were in favor. **CARRIED**

GENERAL CEMETERY BUSINESS: (was addressed in Superintendent's Report)

Next meeting of the Board of Trustees: The next meeting of the Cemetery Board of Trustees will be held on October 18, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: All business before the Board of Trustees having been completed and upon motion of Joseph Barriss and seconded by Vincent Miraglia, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Miraglia for Sheila Fermano, Secretary