

**Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes FINAL**  
**Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:00pm**  
**Zoom Meeting # 957 3635 2106**

**Those in attendance:**

Sally Cook, Laurisa Rich, Judie Flanders, Jenny Christy

**Meeting called to order at 3:01 pm**

- A. Proposed lease revisions** - We reviewed current (interim) lease, line by line, agreed upon appropriate changes and identified key sections that we would like reviewed by legal counsel. We voted unanimously to approve the corrected document as a draft with final approval pending. Laurisa amended Lease draft #2 (now named Abel's Hill Cemetery Lease - Draft) and will send it to Jenny, (cc'ing Sally and Judie) who will forward to Tim C. who will forward to Ron R. along with a cover letter that Judie will compose.
- B. Messages from town administrator** - 2/17 If we have a specific legal issue or question, we send it to Tim C. for review and he sends it to Ron R. as necessary. 2/24 We will send the BOS our newly approved lease document as a courtesy.
- C. Report on Valley Conservation Cemetery Project** - Laurisa and Judie attended a zoom presentation on 2/25/21 by Green Burial of MA, Inc. on their efforts to create the State's first conservation cemetery. Many beautiful slides of established ones, primarily in midwest and mid-Atlantic states, were very informative and inspiring. It covered their land search criteria - 50+ acres that allows for a small portion of usable land for burial and the rest devoted to conservation of plant and animal habitat. We learned that no currently conserved land can be used. None in existence are Town-owned - they had either a private or non-profit structure.
- D. Calendar for March and April** - n/a
- E. Topics not reasonably anticipated** - We confirmed the Application will next be reviewed by the commissioners.

**Next meeting scheduled on March 18, 3pm**  
**Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laurisa Rich  
Secretary**

**Documents Reviewed at meeting :**

**Email of Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 5:01pm, from Tim Carroll  
Email of Wed, Feb 124, 2021 at 5:01pm, from Tim Carrol  
ABELS HILL CEMETERY PLOT LEASE DEED JFlanders - Draft  
Sample Lease & Proposed Changes 2/22/21 (proposed by Sally C)**