

TRUSTEES of CEMETERIES
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James Tuxbury, President
Sheila L. Fermano, Secretary
Joseph Barris, Trustee
Vincent Miraglia, Trustee

MEETING MINUTES OF: June 24, 2026

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 April 15, 2026 meeting were read and upon the motion of Vincent Miraglia and seconded by Joseph Barriss, the Board voted to accept the minutes as read; all were in favor.

CARRIED

The minutes of the May 20, 2026 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: Cemetery Superintendent Chris Rosa provided the following information: The Cemetery Trust received income for the month of May in the amount of \$17,330.12 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 May were three (3) full burials in existing lots; one (1) new single grave; two (2) new two-grave and seven (7) cremains for a total of thirteen (13) burials.

- Superintendent Rosa said the water spickets were off except for three in designated and posted areas;
- He did not plant as many flowers as usual due to the water situation;
- Turf company had come in and sprayed throughout the Cemetery as done last year;
- The summer youth program starts on July 16th and the Cemetery was getting eight highschoolers to assist the crew over the summer;
- Brief discussion on tree/bush removal and repair of gate (due to a recent accident);
- July 14th is the completion date for the mausoleum construction;
- The Superintendent reminded the Trustees that the Cemetery is quickly running out of space, and he had concerns about the near future regarding expansion plans.

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

DISCUSSION ON BURIAL EXEMPTIONS: President Tuxbury stated because the Cemetery was running out of space, he requested a vote that would allow the current Superintendent the opportunity to purchase a grave for him and his family – which would be an exception to Cemetery Rules. He reminded all the many merits and accomplishments Superintendent Rosa had brought to the Cemetery and thought him deserving of a two-grave lot at current cost. He was asking for a vote from the Board on this proposal.

The following motion was made: Due to the fact the Cemetery is running out of space, motion is made to suspend current purchasing rules of the Cemetery to allow our current Superintendent the ability to purchase burial space for himself and his family, subject to the Cemetery's current price list; additionally, this action is defined as a one-time exception/permission, and only the current Superintendent is allowed to proceed with this purchase; furthermore, this is not an open-ended amendment to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Motion made by Sheila Fermano and seconded by Vincent Miraglia; all were in favor. **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Cemetery Expansion was discussed. President Tuxbury said he was concerned for the shortage of space at the Cemetery and suggested the Trustees allow him to speak with the Treasurer on the possibility of the city putting out an RFP (Request for Proposal) for an expansion plan. He said he wanted the Superintendent to procure legitimate figures on the costs, pricing, potential income generated and number of spaces. President Tuxbury said the Cemetery could presell a certain number of lots to pay back the bond and to sell these lots under existing conditions as a presale. If possible, the amount collected from the presale would cover the costs of a short-term bond, if the city allowed. Much discussion on the expansion proposal along with potential engineering challenges. More discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting of the Board of Trustees: The next meeting of the Cemetery Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

ADJOURMENT: All business before the Board of Trustees having been completed and upon motion of Vincent Miraglia and seconded by Joseph Barriss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila L. Fermano".

Sheila Fermano, Secretary