



City of Gloucester  
City-owned Cemeteries Advisory Committee

Agenda

February 16, 2021

Zoom Meeting facilitated by the City of Gloucester, MA

5:30pm-7:00pm

Consistent with the Governor's orders suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and banning gatherings of more than 25 people, this meeting will be conducted by remote participation to the greatest extent possible. The public may not physically attend this meeting, but every effort will be made to allow the public to view and listen to the meeting in real time.

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**Cemeteries Advisory Committee | February 16th | 5:30 PM**

Join from Computer, Smart Device:

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1. Review and accept January 12, 2021 minutes. -CCAC
2. Update on current status of "adopters" of city cemeteries -Carol
  - Langford Cemetery** (32-34 Langsford St) – Carroll Steele Insurance
  - Magnolia Point Cemetery** (61 Magnolia Ave) – Magnolia Historical Society
  - Sumner Street Cemetery** (42 Sumner St) – Jordan and Shire Firestone in honor of Andrew and Harriett Nutton
3. Formal vote on the care of **Prospect Street Cemetery** –Mike Hale/CCAC  
MGL: chapter 114, sections 18 and 43A.

**Section 18:** *Care of neglected burial places within limits of town*

Any town having within its limits an abandoned or neglected burying ground may take charge of the same and keep it in good order, and may appropriate money therefor, but no property rights shall be violated, and no body shall be disinterred. No fence, tomb, monument, or other structure

shall be removed or destroyed, but the same may be repaired or restored.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVI/Chapter114/Section18>

**Section 43A: Ownership, maintenance, and operation of cemeteries; private profit**

No cemetery established on or after July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-six, shall be owned, maintained or operated except by a municipality or other political subdivision of the commonwealth, a church, a religious or charitable society, or by a cemetery association incorporated as provided in section one, nor shall such a cemetery be maintained or operated for the purpose of private profit or gain, directly or indirectly, to any director, officer or member of the cemetery association or other agency owning, maintaining and operating the same. A cemetery lawfully established prior to said date may continue to be owned, maintained, and operated under the form of organization adopted therefor.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVI/Chapter114/Section43A>

4. Update on gravestone loan form between West Gloucester Trinitarian Congregational and the City (DPW). -Chris
  
5. Update on inventory of DPW Gloucester gravestones -Sandy/Carol
  
6. Update on cemetery metalwork structures and signage
  - a) Metalwork: Review and discuss submitted designs -CCAC/Mike Hale/Clarks
  
  - b) Planning for QR codes supported by the city for interpretive signage -Mike Hale  
Example: <http://www.gloucester-ma.gov/710/Dogtown-QR-Codes>
  
7. Discuss in detail of application requirements for a **Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund** (MPPF) -Sandy/CCAC/Mike Hale
  
8. Reregister of a CCAC account with the Gloucester Fund -Sandy
  
9. Maureen Vallis' resignation -Sandy

*The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all item in fact may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*