

MONTAGUE CEMETERY COMMISSION

Monthly Minutes

January 5, 2026

6:15PM

This meeting is being conducted via Zoom.

Meeting convened at 6:20PM.

1. **Roll Call** Judith Lorei, Annie Levine, Jamie Fuller, Jamie Simpson, Mary Kay Mattiace, Sexton Amber Korby, Guest Val Felton
2. **Minutes:** MK moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Judith seconded. Unanimous approval.
3. **Report Updates**
 - a. Cemetery Sexton
 - Year end report of sold plots:
 - 7 green burial plots
 - 11 lawn burial plots
 - A total of 76 Highland Woods plots have been purchased.
 - There are currently a total of 9 burials in Highland Woods.
 - b. Volunteer Report
 - MK reminded the Commission that she plans to dedicate the next three months to garnering a cadre of volunteers. This is not unlike the efforts put forth over the past three years, simply a more exacting effort and goal. Many ideas and thoughts were put forth. Annie will create a spreadsheet on Google Docs that will allow anyone to add the name and email of interested persons. Jamie S. will get information on a volunteer resource entity call "Give Pulse". MK will look into other volunteer resource entities that may exist in Franklin County.
 - c. Cemetery partner reports
 - No reports.
 - d. Cemetery project reports
 - i. "Friends of" research
 - Jamie S. presented information regarding the application and

process for acquiring fiscal sponsorship, a 501c3, for a “Friends of” through Common Good. Much discussion followed. Judith thanked Jamie for the extensive research he has done to help us better understand the procedures necessary for getting this aspect of a “Friends of” group established, while reminding the Commission that only said group could apply for such sponsorship. Judith also clarified for the Commission that our distinct role in such a group formation is to recruit and educate.

ii. Headstone repair

Jamie S. met with TaMara Conde on November 24th at Old South. After much discussion it was decided that she would be our chosen candidate to begin repair on a few headstones at Old South. The exact stones will be decided upon at a later date, i.e., Two commission members and Amber will meet at Old South.

MK made a motion that “We spend up to \$5000 to repair headstones in 2026”. Seconded by Jamie S.. Unanimously approved. Jamie S. will contact TaMara, Informing her of our interest. Judith will consult with the Town Treasurer regarding the process involved for our being able to use the funds.

4. February educational program

Purpose:

Primary: to educate the Town about what we do

Secondary: to recruit volunteers for a “Friends of” group

Much discussion followed. All agreed that there is sufficient interest in our work to potentially attract a sizable gathering. An evening meeting in late March, 25th or 26th, from 6-7:30PM was decided upon, to be held at the Common Hall or the G-M Senior Center. Desserts and beverages will be served. Judith will check on the availability of the Common Hall. MK will check on the availability of the Senior Center. Amber suggested a title might be, “Dying to Meet You’. A planning group will meet on Monday, February 2nd, at 6PM at the G-M Senior Center; Jamie S. will be the program’s coordinator. The above is contingent upon availability of the Senior Center; MK will clear with Roberta Potter.

5. Other business

Our Commission meetings for 2026 will continue to fall on the 3rd Monday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 16th, at 6PM at the G-M Senior Center. MK will clear with Roberta Potter.

This meeting will also be available on Zoom.

Judith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50; seconded by MK. Voted unanimously.

In Service,
Mary Kay Mattiace