

# Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustees

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** HCTV Conference Room

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## Call to Order

Chairman Christina Madden called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

## Roll Call

**Present:** Christina Madden (Chair), Lauren Young, Dan Barthelemy (Secretary)

**Absent:** None

## Public Input

No public input.

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## Agenda Items

### 1. Blodgett Railing Repair

The trustees reviewed the damage to the Blodgett Cemetery railing and the repair quote from RC Welding.

**Motion:** To accept the quote from RC Welding for \$1,000 to repair the railing.

**Motion made by:** Dan Barthelemy

**Seconded by:** Lauren Young

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

## **2. Gravestone Repairs**

The trustees discussed the quote from Gravestone Restorations of New England for repairing critical gravestones, defined as flat, loose, cracked, or sinking stones.

**Motion:** To approve the quote at \$295 per stone for repairs.

**Motion made by:** Dan Barthelemy

**Seconded by:** Lauren Young

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

## **3. Budget Review**

The trustees reviewed the available budgets for all cemeteries and for Sunnyside Cemetery specifically.

**Motion:** To allocate \$2,950 from the Sunnyside Cemetery funds to repair 10 critical gravestones.

**Motion made by:** Dan Barthelemy

**Seconded by:** Lauren Young

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

## **4. Brush Maintenance Concerns**

The trustees discussed the role of the Department of Public Works (DPW) in maintaining cemetery grounds and the possibility of hiring a third party for brush clearing. Due to budget constraints, the trustees decided to explore alternative solutions.

## **5. Cemetery Records Management**

The trustees agreed to review existing cemetery records to determine which documents can be purged and which should be retained. After this review, they will collaborate with Hudson IT to digitize the necessary records.

## **6. Corporal John Pollard Jr. Memorial**

The Hudson VFW Post 5791 has donated funds to replace the gravestone of Corporal John Pollard Jr., who enlisted on April 19, 1775. A brief biography was read, and the trustees expressed appreciation for the donation.

## **7. Headstone Cleaning Initiative**

The trustees reviewed photos of recent headstone cleanings and reminded the public that volunteers must be trained and obtain permission from the trustees before undertaking any cleaning activities.

### **8. Additional Gravestone Repairs**

**Motion:** To allocate \$3,540 from this year's budget to repair 12 additional critical gravestones, leaving 11 stones for the 2026/2027 budget.

**Motion made by:** Dan Barthelemy

**Seconded by:** Lauren Young

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

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### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Madden adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

**Minutes prepared by:** Dan Barthelemy, Secretary