

# Cemetery Commission

a. Method of Election, Term of Office:  
... One member shall, at the annual town meeting, be elected by ballot for a term of three years. The three members are elected at the annual town election for a term of three years, with one third of their number elected annually. Such boards shall choose a chairman, and a clerk who may be a member of the board.

—MGL Ch. 114, § 22

b. Powers and Duties: The com-missioners shall, under the supervision and control of the selectmen, maintain the public cemeteries in the town, and shall with the approval of the selectmen, appoint such employees as are necessary to maintain such cemeteries. ... It shall annually make a written report to said town of its official acts, of the condition of ... cemeteries, and render an account of its receipts and expenditures ... and of the funds subject to its order.

—MGL Ch. 114, §s 23 & 27: Powers and duties;  
MGL Ch. 114, §26: annual report

## Report of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for Fiscal Year 2008

FY 2008 was a quiet year. Commissioner James Toth continued as archivist and historian, James MacQuarrie continued in charge of maintenance, and Janet Conover continued as chair and was reappointed as burial agent. The Matthews family continued its critical role as gravediggers.

Three cremation burials and two traditional burials in the Warwick Center Cemetery was the FY2008 total.

July 20, 2007	Kenneth Clyde Alden	Traditional	Sec 7 Lot 110
September 9, 2007	Robert Anthony	Cremation	Sec 4 Lot 18
October 1, 2007	John Sammon	Traditional	Sec 3 Lot 216
April 26, 2008	Ruth McLellan	Cremation	Sec 4 Lot 170
June 14, 2008	David Dike	Cremation	Sec 7 Lot 94

The suggested perpetual care donation for lot reservations remained \$500 for one lot with five gravesites. Other cemetery fees include a \$50 grave-marking fee, a \$50 cremation-grave-opening fee, and a \$250 traditional-grave-opening fee. Fees are subject to change by a vote of the commission. The commission voted that all future assigned lots be marked with four granite corner markers at the expense of the assignee.

The following lots were reserved in FY 2008:

Section 7 Lot 133 (4 gravesites)	\$400	Debi Perkins	9/17/2007
Section 7 Lot 140 (5 gravesites)	\$500	Richard Alden	8/17/2007
Section 7 Lot 145 (5 gravesites)	\$500	Richard and Patricia Shepardson	1/15/2008

The reliable MacQuarrie family handled mowing and raking. Don Matthews undertook the delicate task of removing tree stumps and brush that had invaded the oldest section of the cemetery, as well as clearing the way for the sale of lots in the crescent at the rear of Section 5.

The commission historian, Jim Toth, continued organizing the cemetery records. The database is now resident on a computer in the Board Room of Town Hall, with backups/copies on the commissioners' home computers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Conover, *Chair*, Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Listed in the front of the Annual Report:

Cemetery Commissioners		
	Janet Conover, 66 Orange Road, <i>Chair</i>	5/18/09
	Robert James McQuarrie, 83 Hastings Heights Road	5/17/10
	James Toth, 111 Northfield Road, <i>Archivist</i>	5/16/11