



TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
240 Springfield Street Wilbraham, MA 01095



Board of Cemetery Commissioners

●Adams Cemetery ●East Wilbraham Cemetery ●Glendale Cemetery

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Called to order at 6:02PM

2. ATTENDANCE: Natasha Ayres, Erica Sabia, Wilfred Renaud, joined by guest David Bourcier.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES: Not discussed at this time

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Bourcier updated the commissioners on the ongoing efforts to get the 4 cemeteries in Wilbraham listed as registered historical sites. If this is successful, it would open up the possibility for more grant funding in our cemeteries. Dave has already prepared a 10 page report to aid in the process. Gravestone cleaning will take about 5 years. The Boy Scouts do help, but cleaning needs to be done very carefully and with the right tools. Grants will help clean the larger stones, Dave can volunteer to clean the smaller ones.

Dave will look into how much D2 (cleaning solution) would be needed, as well as the shelf life. Natasha asked if we would be subject to any new rules if we were added to a national historic registry and if additional visitors would be expected. Dave indicated no to both queries.

Agawam Paranormal is interested in doing some paranormal activity investigation in Adams Cemetery this October. They would need our permission and would provide for us a full report and thumbdrive with all videos and photographs taken.

Motion made by Natasha Ayres to vote to give permission to Agawam Paranormal to visit Adams Cemetery in October 2026 provided they complete all necessary waivers, no cost is charged to the town, and they follow up with subsequent communication. Seconded by Erica Sabia. Vote: All in favor, motion passes. There is a CPA grant that we are still waiting to hear the outcome of. We applied for \$9900 for grave restoration.

The Merrick family built the shed that currently stands on Adams Cemetery. Its original purpose was for winter storage of caskets. Dave proposed the idea of getting a small plaque to post on the shed commemorating the contribution of the Merrick family.

Motion made by Erica Sabia to approve up to \$350 for a plaque to go on the shed in Adams Cemetery acknowledging the contribution of the Merrick family pending a mock up of the plaque. Seconded by Natasha Ayres. Vote: All in favor, motion passes.

Deacon John Adams' former home is being sold. The current owner has indicated that they have 2 broken headstones in the basement and needs them removed. Dave said it would be possible to donate them to the Atheneum Society.

Both Natasha and Erica announced they will not be running for reelection and so their terms will come to an end this May. Both are appreciative of the opportunity to serve the community and for all those who helped teach them about the position. One person has expressed interest in running, though it is not currently known if they completed the necessary paperwork to run.

Mountain View sent Natasha their 2026 pricing, and it is the same as 2025.

Natasha produced the idea and a draft of creating an alternate position for Cemetery Commissioner. It was decided to table the idea for the time being.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

The brochure is on the website. Natasha will ask for more clarifying language on the site.

Natashia provided Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on full casket burials and on selling graves. Natashia wrote the Annual Town Report and submitted it in January. In order to get compensation for cemetery commissioners, we would need to write a warrant to get approved by the Selectboard. Then the town would vote on it at the Town Meeting. Commissioners are asked to do a walk through of their cemeteries and report any damage.

6. BUDGET/FINANCIAL:

Will provided a handout of our current financial status. We have \$8301 but can access the appropriated funds account if needed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Erica Sabia
Clerk

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS
JUNE 2, 2026
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
DECEMBER 1, 2026
March 2, 2027
ALL AT 6PM AT THE TOWN HALL