



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

July 21, 2022

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on City Property at a Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Giesta, Council President Lopes and Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on City Property, meet with the members of the Cemetery Board for the purpose of discussing the rules and regulations governing Cemetery plots and clarifying what can and cannot be placed on those plots at City Cemeteries; and further that the Board discuss updating those rules and regulations on how family and friends care for their love ones plots. (Pictures Enclosed and to be Referred to the Committee on City Property.) (Ref'd 04/22/2021) (6/23/2021 – Motion made that the Cemetery Board return to the committee with their changes as it relates to the rules and regulations on what can and cannot be placed at a headstone throughout the cemetery in the next 30 days) (09/08/2021 – new cemetery brochure with updated rules & regs obtained from Cemetery Dept.; forwarded to all Councillors by hard-copy and email.)

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Pereira, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take “No Further Action” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Giesta, Council President Lopes and Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on City Property, meet with the members of the Cemetery Board for the purpose of discussing the rules and regulations governing Cemetery plots and clarifying what can and cannot be placed on those plots at City Cemeteries; and further that the Board discuss updating those rules and regulations on how family and friends care for their love ones plots. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Maria E. Giesta

Councillor Maria E. Giesta, Chairperson

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