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Passed April 4, 1902. AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE QUIDNESSET MEMORIAL CEMETERY.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Helen Gay Sweet, William Reynolds, George B. Reynolds, Nelson J. Wheeler, Thomas G.

Mathewson, Walter B. Knight, George Madison, Alfred S. Reynolds, and all other persons or bodies corporate who now are or may be associated with them and their successors shall be a body politic and corporate in law under the name of Quidnesset Memorial Cemetery, and by that name shall be able and capable in law to have and use a common seal, and to do all other things that are incident to corporations.

SEC. 2. The real estate held by this corporation at their cemetery, for cemetery purposes, shall not exceed seventy-five acres of land; and all the property of this corporation used for cemetery purposes and the lots and parcels of land in their cemetery that may be hereafter conveyed by this corporation shall be forever exempt from all taxes and assessments, and shall not be liable to attachment or to be taken or sold on execution; nor shall the same pass by or be applied to the payments of debts under any assignment for the benefit of creditors, or under any bankrupt or insolvent law. No assessment shall be made upon said lot owners for the support or improvement of the cemetery.

No public road or way shall be made or opened over or through any part of the cemetery lands without the consent, in writing, of this corporation, and of all owners of lots affected thereby, being first obtained therefor.

SEC. 3. Any lot owner in said cemetery may, at any time, by deed or will, convey or devise any lots or parcel of land therein then owned by him in his own right in fee simple, to this corporation to hold the same in perpetual trust for such uses and purposes, consistent with the objects of the corporation, as may be in such trust, deed, or device declared; and any person may convey, devise, or bequeath any estate, real or personal, to this corporation, to hold the same in perpetual trust to apply the same or the proceeds or income thereof to the care, support, or improvement of said cemetery, or any part thereof, or any lot or monument or structure therein.

Provided that no such trust as is named in either of the above clauses shall be binding or obligatory upon the corporation until the same has been accepted by

the written assent of all the directors for the time being duly recorded.

All moneys conveyed or bequeathed Quidnesset Memorial Cemetery, or for the purpose of providing for the perpetual care, support, or improvement of said cemetery or any part thereof, or any lot, monument, or structure therein, shall be invested as follows:

1. Deposited in savings banks or trust companies in the state of Rhode Island.

2. Loaned on real estate, the value of the real estate being not less than double the amount loaned on the same; the security in all cases shall be a first mortgage.

3. Invested in the bonds or funded debt of the United States or state of Rhode Island.

SEC. 4. There shall be five directors chosen annually by the lot owners, whose duty it shall be to make such laws, rules, and regulations relating to lots and other concerns of said cemetery as they shall from time to time think necessary, subject to the directions of the corporation. The said directors may also receive and apply to improvement or support of the cemetery estate, or of particular lots, buildings, or structures thereon, such donations or bequests as shall be made for those objects, and they shall at the annual meeting of said corporation report in writing to said corporation an account of receipts and expenditures, which shall be open to the examination of the members of said corporation or lot owners. A business meeting shall consist of not less than three directors.

SEC. 5. The board of directors, for the time being, shall have the full and entire management and control of the estate, property, and business affairs of said corporation, and of the sale of lots, subject at all times to the existing votes, rules and regulations, and by laws of the corporation; and all deeds and transfers in behalf of the corporation shall be executed by such officer or agent as may be prescribed by general by-law, or appointed by special vote of the corporation or board of directors.

SEC. 6. At all meetings of the corporation each proprietor of a lot or parcel of land in said cemetery

shall be entitled to vote. No individual, or joint trustees, although owning more than one lot or distinct lots, shall be entitled in his own right or as representing the same interest, to more than one vote; but the same individual or trustees holding distinct lots for or in trust for distinct and different persons or interests, shall be entitled to as many votes as he represents such distinct and different interests.

None of the above provisions are intended or shall be construed to exclude the right of voting by proxy where such right shall be allowed by the by-laws.

SEC. 7. The rights of individual lot owners shall be created by deed from the treasurer under the common seal, and shall be deemed personal estate and subject to the rules and regulations of said corporations or their directors. Transfers of such rights among individuals shall be by deed, and all original deeds and deeds of transfer shall be recorded in the corporation books. No transfer of any right shall be valid until approved of by the corporation, or a majority of the board of directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the directors or by their authority.

SEC. 8. The board of directors and other officers of the corporation shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. The directors, secretary, and treasurer shall in all cases be chosen from among the lot proprietors, and said directors shall have full power to fill vacancies in their number that may occur during the period for which they hold their offices, and also to choose a treasurer and secretary from among the lot proprietors in case either of said offices shall become vacant by death or resignation, who shall hold said offices until the next annual meeting of the corporation.

SEC. 9. An annual meeting shall be holden at such time as the by-laws shall direct, and at such a place near the cemetery as the directors shall provide, notice whereof shall be given by posting up one notice at the cemetery, one at the Davisville post-office, and inserting a third in some public newspaper published in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, signed by the secretary, three days at least before the time of meeting. A

business quorum shall consist of not less than five persons present, being lot owners or representatives of lots, and in case said corporation shall fail to hold said annual meeting at the time prescribed the officers of said corporation shall hold their offices until others are chosen in their place.

SEC. 10. Special meetings of the corporation on other days may be called by order of the directors or upon request made in writing to the directors by five members of the corporation. Notice of all such meetings shall be given as is prescribed in the preceding section, and at all such special meetings such business shall only be transacted as shall be specified in the notice.

SEC. 11. The first annual meeting of said corporation shall take place within fourteen days after the passage of this act of incorporation, notice of which meeting shall be given by Thomas G. Mathewson by notifying each member of the corporation by letter five days before the time of meeting.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.
