

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

CITY OF WARWICK

RHODE ISLAND



FRANK J. PICOZZI  
MAYOR

November 11, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE STEPHEN P. MCALLISTER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
AND  
THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE WARWICK CITY COUNCIL:

Pursuant to the Code of Ordinances  
Of the City of Warwick, Code 6-122  
Entitled

“HISTORICAL CEMETERIES COMMISSION”

I hereby appoint:

The Honorable Francis X. Flaherty

Ward 5

REGULAR MEMBER

Term to expire January 1, 2025

I hereby submit this appointment for your advice and consent

Frank J. Picozzi  
Mayor

Date

11-11-22

The Honorable Francis X. Flaherty

A resident of Warwick since 1955, Francis graduated from Bishop Hendricken High School & Providence College, prior to serving in the U.S. Army. Deployed to Vietnam from 1969-1970, he served as a platoon leader and was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. Upon returning home, he began attending Suffolk University Law School at night while employed by the City of Warwick as Labor Relations Administrator during the day. Graduating from Law School in 1975, Francis continued his service to Warwick as an Assistant City Solicitor. First elected to the Warwick City Council in 1978, he represented Ward 6 for three terms, serving as Council Majority Leader & President Pro Tem. In 1984, Francis was elected as Mayor of Warwick and reelected twice, in 1986 & 1988. Leaving elected office in January 1991, he was a candidate for Governor of Rhode Island in 1990 & 1992. In 2003, Francis was appointed to the Rhode Island Supreme Court by then-governor Donald L. Carcieri. He served on the bench for 18 years, retiring in 2021.

An active member of several boards and civic organizations, Francis serves as a member on: the Board of Trustees at New England Tech and Roger Williams University School of Law; Bishop Hendricken's Board of Advisors. Formerly, he served as a member on: the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education (1998-2003); the Board of Directors at Coastway Community Bank; the Board of Directors for Rhode Island Special Olympics; and the Board of Directors for the Rhode Island Academic Decathlon.

Francis is married, with four children, two stepchildren and seven grandchildren, and has a particular interest in history and in fact got the ordinance passed that created the Historical Cemetery Commission in 1987.