

SOMERS CEMETERY
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY 1.23.2025 3 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to order: 3:01
2. Members present: Patricia Bachetti, David McCaffrey, Patricia Loftus (chair)
3. Guests: Brian Wissinger, Danielle Urban, Todd Rolland
4. New Business: A motion to discuss, evaluate, and possibly adjust the proposed layout of the expansion of Center Cemetery by Grever & Ward shall be made and voted on. All changes shall be voted on as separate items.

A. All graves are to be single and facing / parallel to the driveway(s) requested by Pat Loftus. Note: The committee wanted visitors to be able to drive through and see the names on upright grave stones in order to locate specific placements.

Motion: D. McCaffrey, 2nd Pat Bachetti. Vote: pass 3/0

B. The proposed driveway encircling much of the newly designed area including estate lots shall be 10' wide. This driveway shall be gravel not paved.

Motion: D. McCaffrey, 2nd Pat Bachetti. Vote: pass 3/0

C. Cremation lots at ends of new rows as shown by Grever & Ward drawing. Discussion showed that there was no way to price these tiny spaces without competing with the Columbarium which is not sold out, nor a full sized grave which could then hold two cremations. Motion to eliminate these cremation lots.

Motion: David McCaffrey, 2nd Pat Bachetti. Vote: pass 3/0

D. Requirement of the use of a flat to the ground gravestone on a single grave. Proposed that the long time regulation stands as is, with no alteration. No change, no motion needed. Double, Triple and Quadruple purchases shall be regulated by rules in effect and published in 2014.

E. Water line from the well to spigots needs to be moved out of the way of new graves in the site design. Suggestion to move the line toward the entrance driveway, maintaining a downward slope for drainage made by Pat Loftus. DPW head Todd Rolland agreed. Motion to move water line and have ONE spigot instead of two.

Motion: David McCaffrey, 2nd Pat Bachetti. Vote: pass 3/0

F. Numbering for the new section (Section 2) shall restart at "0001" with a designation of being in Section 2. Section "1" has fewer than 1,000 graves and it made sense to restart at 1 in the new section. The digital program now being designed should reflect this as the job progresses.

Motion: Numbering of SECTION 2 shall begin with "0001".

Motion: David McCaffrey, 2nd Pat Bachetti. Vote: passed 3/0

A consideration of a second special meeting, perhaps in late February was made so that any further adjustments after Grever & Ward input can be voted on before the regular March meeting. In addition, two items were not voted on due to a need for more research and feedback.

1. Pinning of the grave sites. A suggestion from the sexton of using rebar (magnetic and sturdy) for 3 of the 4 corners and a numbered aluminum post for the "bottom left corner". There will be consultation with Grever & Ward on this.

2. *In the numbering of Section 2 there needs to be consideration of how estate plots shall be numbered.* Research must be done since one plot is already sold and in use. How was that estate lot numbered and what is now on file with the sexton, family and funeral home on a certificate? The town no longer uses deeds.

Adjourned at 4:01 PM.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Loftus (interim secretary)