

Somers Cemetery Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026

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1. Call to order: 6:32 PM
2. Members present: David McCaffrey, Elaine Friedman, Patricia Bachetti, Pat Loftus (chair)
3. Public Comment: None, 1 present
4. Vote to approve minutes from: November 12, 2024 regular meeting
Motion to approve: Elaine Friedman, 2nd: Pat Bachetti Vote: 4/0 passed
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance: Landscaping billing is in for the YTD, see finance office. Advertising for Fall Clean up schedule was \$94.44 in addition to sign boards in town.
 - b. Sexton: Present, no report.
 - c. Landscaping: No representative present.
 - d. Veteran's Affairs: Wreaths Across America – 720 placed in the 4 cemeteries. Thank you to all who donated and participated. Note: A Veteran's Memorial Park Committee has been formed and is exploring town property to find a suitable place for such a memorial. Of the four cemeteries only, Center on Battle Street has any space possibilities. Other town sites are also being explored. The Committee will report back to us if there is to be any cemetery land requests.
 - e. DPW: No representative present.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Review of any communications from Grever & Ward – None.
 - b. Review of All Funerals progress in digitizing all the Center Cemetery grave ownerships. No report.

c. Chair's report on the 250 Anniversary: Volunteer researcher on the anniversary committee has found names of people from the War of 1812, Civil War and newer. Nothing yet on the American Revolution possibilities.

d. 2026 Calendar Finalized. Dates secured with town hall including November 18.

7. New Business:

a. Concern forms:

1. Report of additional damage to the wall on RT. 190 edging Old West Cemetery has been reported to us. It may have happened last October.
2. A wheel detached from a tractor trailer and slammed into a grave stone in Old West dislodging it. The event was caught on camera by the Police Department and is being investigated. Cost of reinstallation to be determined. Possible insurance claim through vehicle's owner. Report to follow.

b. Spring Clean-up dates added to agenda due to next meeting being too close a holiday to choose a best time for clean up before Easter. Clean up: Monday March 23 - Friday March 27 (Good Friday – Easter weekend is April 3-5).

Motion: Elaine, 2nd, Pat B. Vote to approve 4/0

Adjournment: 7:08

Motion: David McCaffrey, 2nd Elaine Freidman. Vote to approve: 4/0

Next meeting: March 11, 2026

Minutes: Patricia Loftus (interim secretary)