

**SOMERS CEMETERY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING 11.12.25
MINUTES**

1. Call to order: 6:32 PM
2. Members present: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Freidman, David McCaffrey, Patricia Loftus (chair) Guests: Danielle Urbon
3. Public Comment: Chris Nesoralla (250 Anniversary committee member) Chris stopped by after the Anniversary Committee meeting to offer help and coordination between the two groups. Welcome.
4. Vote to approve minutes from:
 - a. September 10, 2025 Motion to approve: Elaine F. 2nd Pat B. Vote 4/0 passed.
5. Committee Reports & Guest reports:
 - a. Finance: See report in the Finance office.
 - b. Sexton: Not present
 - c. Landscaping: Not present. (Fall clean-up was to have been completed.)
 - d. Veteran's Affairs: GRAVESIDE FLAGS: To be removed Dec. 1st.
Wreaths Across America – Saturday December 13th
Center Cemetery. Raising of sunken foot stones to be done in the spring. Keeney Vault cleaned and outside growth removed by D. McCaffrey and T. Keeney.
 - e. DPW: Not present
6. Old Business:
 - a. Communications from G&W. Brian Wissinger has been in contact and numbered corner pins are to be ordered for spring by the town as will the rebar for corners. Date to be determined.
 - b. Review of ALL FUNERALS in house workshop. Disappointed that none of the invited funeral homes (3) were in attendance.
Tab within the town web site for "Center Cemetery Portal" for review of burials is active. (Google Earth info is from 2012 and very out of date.)
Request has been made for All Funerals to include the names and placements of all client ownership online even if the grave site is not

yet in use. This is important for family who may be out of state to be able verify and plan for a service.

- c. Contact has been made with J. Appell for survey of Old West large tablet stones to be made upright and a possible metal frame created to protect them from cracking. Photos to be sent.

7. New Business:

a. Concern forms: None

b. Consideration of Celebration 250 signs for graves of Revolutionary War Veterans and other notable residents of the time period. DG Graphics has been contacted for the cost of such signs (\$10.50 each). President of the Somers Historical Society (Carole Pyne) has been contacted and asked for a list and information on any residents from the Revolutionary War era who might be considered for a sign in either OLD WEST or NORTH Cemeteries. She stated she is working on a list for the Anniversary Committee and will add us to the email. She thought there might be 16-30 names. Dave Pinney has since told me (P. Loftus) that someone from the committee has also been to the Connecticut Historical Society on 1 Elizabeth St. Hartford looking for information on Revolutionary War Veteran biographical information which will be shared with us so that this information can be added to any signs.

c. Calendar Meeting dates for 2026 have been approved as amended. November 11 meeting will be held on a different date as Town Hall will be closed. November 19th is being considered. Motion to approve E. Freidman, 2nd Pat Bachetti. Vote to pass 4/0.

Adjournment: 7:44 PM

Next meeting: January 14, 2026

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Loftus, Chair, interim secretary