

Somers Cemetery Committee
Regular meeting minutes
May 14, 2025

1. Call to order: 6:30
2. Members present: Pat Bachetti, Elaine Friedman, Patricia Loftus (chair)
3. Public comment: None
4. Approval of minutes:
 - a. March 12, 2025 – Regular meeting – No quorum of those at 3.12.25 meeting, vote to approve moved to July meeting.
 - b. April 3, 2025 – Special meeting. Motion to approve: E. Friedman, 2nd P. Bachetti. Vote to approve 3/0
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance – See the Finance office for reports.
 - b. Sexton – Client approached at Center Cemetery asking for a tree to be replaced. (No concern form requested from the office not completed online.)
 - c. Landscaping: No representative
 - d. Veteran's Affairs: No representative
 - e. DPW: (See New business)
6. Old Business:
 - a. Concern forms: No resolutions from last meeting.
 - b. Communications from Grever & Ward: See New Business "b".
7. New Business:
 - a. Concern forms: None
 - b. Vote to approve specific placement of numbered pins and other components for new sections.
 1. Motion to use re-bar to mark corners of the plots. Motion: E. Friedman, 2nd P. Bachetti vote: 3/0
 2. Purchase cast plates for numbering. (Andover Marker Company) A suggestion from Jeff Buckley. Motion: P. Bachetti, 2nd E. Friedman
Vote: 3/0

3. Motion to put number plate in the bottom left of grave site to be consistent with the rest of Center Cemetery.

Motion: P. Bachetti, 2nd E. Friedman. Vote: 3/0

c. DPW: water lines:

1. Work order is in to move the water line from the pump to the first corner of the drive way and install an additional faucet if possible.

This move is to avoid any problems with the new area (Section 2A) being pinned, sold and dug. The addition of another faucet will help those who have grave sites to visit at the beginning of the oval and in the future those who will purchase sites to the left of the oval.

2. Water line for New West will be investigated for the next meeting in July.

d. Section signs for Center Cemetery – Discussion to be continued. A vendor has not been found.

e. Approval of online Burial Lot and Columbarium niches: Motion to approve as corrected. Motion: E. Friedman, 2nd P. Bachetti Vote: 3/0

f. Request to buy back lot #889 for the original price of \$800.00. Motion to approve: E. Friedman, 2nd P. Bachetti. Vote: 3/0. Brian Wissinger will present this to the Board of Selectmen for final approval on 5.15.25.

g. Date for online software demonstration for committee. Discussion, request to do so at the July meeting. We will need veterans data in order to create “pop-ups” of sites for wreath laying or historical research. Brian will coordinate with the vendor if the vendor is needed for online.

Motion to adjourn: 7:37 PM Passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Loftus - interim secretary