

Waterbury Cemetery Commission
July 2, 2025, 4pm
Steele Community Room

Members present: Jill Chase, Barbara Walton, Jan Gendreau, and Robert Dostis
Absent: John Woodruff, Tom Leitz

1. No public attendance
2. Reviewed/Approved minutes of June 4
3. Financial Report. **Tom** not available
4. Old Business
 - a. Bill Woodruff, Highway Department, dropped by and stated the trees were cut down in Loomis Hill and debris would be picked up by town workers
 - b. The Loomis Hill Cemetery walk-in entrance sign put back in place.
 - c. Jan received an email from Pat Householder regarding the dead tree behind his house on cemetery property. He had asked in early spring for it to be taken down. Jan talked with Bill. He thinks the town workers could take down, so we don't need to hire it out. He will see that it gets done.
 - d. There was considerable confusion when a request for plot purchase came in our emails. John will explain when he gets home. A request for a burial July 12 will be handled by Karen [town clerk] and Bill Woodruff.
 - e. No progress on cemetery info to go on town website
5. New Business
 - a. Jan Gendreau suggested a commission activity in Hope Cemetery (by the old oak tree) concerning lilacs flanking the Chase Stone. Commissioners approved and voted to do clean up needed.
 - b. Jan thinks the grass is cut too short in the cemeteries. The grass looks brown instead of green. She talked with Bill about raising the mowers to 3". He will talk with Celia [supervisor].
 - c. Pruning the hydrangeas and lilacs continue to be a concern.
 1. Jan emailed Adam McCullough of Urban Foresters and asked if they offer lessons for community members, or suggestions of whom to call that might do the pruning. He sent a response immediately and said he was looking into what Urban Foresters might be able to do and will get back to us.

2. Jan called a few landscape nurseries, but they all had no suggestions. It seems that might be a good profession to get into! [along with grave diggers, which can't be found also!]. Everyone was encouraged to search for a pruner and come back with a list next meeting.

Assignments for August Meeting

1. Barb will continue to update guidelines for burial and plot purchases as committee experiences working with them.
2. All commissioners will beat the bushes for a pruner.
3. Schedule to walk closed cemeteries Sept or Oct.
4. Finish up online info

Next meeting, August 6, 2025, 4 pm

Respectfully, Barbara Walton