

Waterbury Cemetery Commission
August 6, 2025, 4pm (corrected minutes)
Steele Community Room

Present; Jan Gendreau, John Woodruff, Barbara Walton, Bill Woodruff and Jill Chase

Absent: Robert Dostis

1. Public
2. Approved minutes of July meeting
3. New Business

a. Pruning hydrangea in Rte.100, Hope, Maple St. cemeteries, with Adam McCullough from Urban Forestry teaching. We chose October 20th from several dates Adam offered. We will meet during work hours between 8- 2. Details to be determined after Jan has further discussion with Adam. He had suggested that we include road crew so they could earn “road scholar” credit. But after more discussion we decided not to include road crew. Instead, we’d invite the tree committee, Stan Morse and his crew, in addition to the cemetery commissioners.

b. Bill reported that the trees in Hope, downed by a storm, have been cleared away. ACER cut down the leaning birches in Loomis Hill Cemetery earlier this summer, but they still need to be removed along with remains of a tree that fell a few years ago.

c. Edward Guild requested to pre-buy three burials for Burton Guild and his 2 sisters in lot 145 in Maple Street. He sent a check to the Town for \$1,200 payment and John will make out interment orders for the three. Pre-buying of burials should henceforth be declined as our current bookkeeping has no provision to keep track of them.

d. Walk scheduled to closed cemeteries (Demeritt on Blush Hill, Loomis Hill) for Sept 29, Monday, around 9. We will not go to the Johnson Cemetery, because access to it is very steep and loaded with ticks. We discussed the use of a drone to less accessible cemeteries.

e. Can cremains be included in inactive (closed) cemeteries? We can’t accommodate full burials. However, cremains in urns, without vaults, don’t need to be very deep so can fit more easily into an old plot. So the answer is yes.

f. John asked the commissioners to the waive the burial fee for Eric Worden’s cremains. All voted affirmative.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 4pm

Respectfully submitted Barbara Walton