

WATERBURY CEMETERY COMMISSION

Minutes December 3, 2025, 4pm • Steele Community Room

Members present: John Woodruff, Jan Gendreau, Barb Walton, Robert Dostis, Jill Chase attending.
No public.

1. November minutes approved.

2. Donation to Urban Foresters who ran our pruning workshop pending until finances are understood

3. Rt. 100 Cemetery pruning

Kim Peck, Laurel Scannel, Jan Gendreau & Jill Chase dragged off the pruning from the hydrangeas done by Mike Losciavo's crew. The job took longer than anticipated but Mike said the overtime was his community service.

4. Demeritt work

Tom of Highlanders is working with Kyle Canton, the adjoining neighbor, in the spring. Next year we plan to work in the Johnson cemetery. We can check it out in the spring. The hill is difficult to climb and we could work on steps of some kind for access as it is a historical asset for the town.

5. As Tom was not able to present our finances today, we will need to have an extra meeting before January to discuss spending and prepare for the 2026 budget.

6. Barb is working on the "instruction manual" for cemetery commissioners.

7. In 2025, there were 31 burials (5 full burials, the rest cremations)

(That is in keeping with the average of 25-35 burials per year.)

All went smoothly with the help of Celia and her crew.

one person is in the vault over the winter

In January, we need to reassess our price list, go over our bylaws, and get updated info on the town website. John will put print copies of our current bylaws on his desk for commissioners to pick up to peruse. Perhaps add links to the State statutes after saying we must abide by them.

8. 2026 wishes for town workers

a. Dead tree removal

b. Maple St. shed is in bad repair and roof leaks. It is now housing machinery for the winter. Maybe hang on to it at least during any new landscaping project.

Check out the picture on the wall for moisture damage. Worth moving to a better place? Inside needs cleaning up; extraneous stuff needs to be sorted.

c. Make sure the water spigot on the Winooski St. side is working in Hope, and maybe install a back flush water spout so it won't freeze in winter.

d. Work has to be done on the town website with info on each cemetery. Perhaps we can add a link to Findagrave for people's convenience. (Are all the Waterbury entries correct?)

Respectfully submitted 12/3/2025

Jill Chase