

## **WATERBURY CEMETERY COMMISSION • Minutes March 4, 2026 4pm • Steele Room**

Members present: John Woodruff, Jan Gendreau, Barb Walton, Robert Dostis, and Jill Chase. Mike LoSciavo from the Tree Board attended. No public.

1. February minutes approved.
2. New Business
  - a. John contacted Adams Granite Company and Spruce Mountain Granites for prices on stone repairs in the Rt. 100 cemetery and will report back.
  - b. Discussion with Mike on Maple St. Cemetery

We have to know what people are looking for in a cemetery (how will we find out?)  
From here, more cremations so move to columbarium and cremation garden  
Need to think of more parking for funerals, events, maybe even outside events for revenue

Hardscape points: If we keep full burials, cremations, and green burials in special sections (green burial section needs access for equipment, year round), where will they be?

Introduce new size of burial plot for cremations with smaller monument (near tree or plants), perhaps in a circular area with a place to sit down.

Basically offer a variety of options; full-burial lots, urn-size lots, burial under a tree bought specifically for the person, strew ashes in a garden or water source, or deposit in a columbarium.

The Commission should play with the design and draw walk-ways, etc. on the map

Action items:

Both the tree board and the Cemetery Commission will work on pathways in the open section at the front of the cemetery.

Cemetery Commission will check out columbaria to see what we like/envision for our next meeting
3. Old Business
  - a. Assignments for town workers in 2026

Rt. 100 cemetery stones need resetting, section of fence replaced, dead tree and brush/debris pile near the entrance removed.

In all cemeteries, need to regularly mow up to the fence to keep vegetation from growing up, and pick up all trash.

Fix the spigot down at the Winooski St. entrance.
  - b. Two cemetery blurbs for Hope and Demeritt approved for the website
  - c. Jill will give final Rules & Regs to Beth to be posted on our website
  - d. Commission approved giving Urban Foresters \$250 in thanks for our pruning. John will ask Bill Shepeluk, acting Treasurer, to take care of this.
  - e. Jill will recreate the burial plot sale agreement and the interment order using the new logo. She will also send blank sheets with logo to all the commissioners
  - f. Our commission is not able to access funds that belong to the old cemetery association that are listed on the state's unclaimed money website.

Respectfully submitted 3/5/2026 • Jill Chase