

WATERBURY CEMETERY COMMISSION • Minutes May 6, 2026 4pm • Steele Room

Members present: Jan Gendreau, John Woodruff, Robert Dostis, and Jill Chase. Jane Brown and Mike LoSchiavo from the Tree Board attended.

1. April minutes approved.
2. Old Business
 - a. John asked Bill Woodruff to attend to the Rt. 100 fence which still needs to be repaired and piles of debris to be taken away
 - b. He talked to Matt Fitzgerald who agreed to come out of retirement & fix the stones at Rt. 100
 - c. The ash tree will be inoculated this year
 - d. More cemetery blurbs need to be added to our website along with photos now that it's Spring

3. New Business

- a. Jane Brown & Mike LoSchiavo led a discussion on hardscaping in Maple St.

It was decided to start with making the new road. The town has gravel that they could supply and handle. Paths and trees to fill in could come later.

Should columbaria be added, where should they go, and what design would work best?

Perhaps have some curving wall/seating near the flagpole area . . . expand seating somehow there for gatherings.

For burials in this new area, flat markers would make the area easily mowed.

Grant funds are available to hire help to maintain trees (mulching, watering . . .) as this becomes too much for the tree board members alone.

John suggested we might want to ask public opinion for what they want in future, what kind of burial do you want, do you have vision for a new kind of space? What would it make it an attractive place to be buried, to visit? Mike suggested that would be good market research and forecasting.

Do an online survey? Some physical presentation with a way to add suggestions from the public in the town office? Invite people to special survey meetings?

We are very lucky to be so close to Barre with the wonderful craftsmen there for decorating walls, columbaria . . .

Ornamental trees could be planted at the head of existing sections in the established area and at the end of the road that heads toward the north property line. Could use Mike's drone pictures to try to map things out, like where the road will go, etc.

Jan will call to arrange a field trip for us to see granite benches and columbaria at a place that will be having a fire sale as well as to Wilson cemetery in Graniteville.

Next meeting June 3, 2026 at 4 pm, Steele Room

Respectfully submitted 5/6//2026 • Jill Chase