

Waterbury Cemetery Commission

Meeting Minutes — September 2, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Steele Room

Members Present: Jan Gendreau, Robert Dostis, Jill Chase

Guests: Graci Zeiger, Town Manager

August Meeting Minutes

Approved as written.

Introduction of Graci Zeiger

The commission gave Graci a rundown of the history of Waterbury's cemeteries, the commission, and finances as handled by past town managers. The commission expressed hope that the annual \$15,000 from the town will be reinstated.

Old Route 100 Cemetery

Replacement stones: John hasn't heard back from Matt Fitzgerald and will follow up.

Removal of brush pile: John will talk to Bill Woodruff.

Payment for ARRTI bush: Nita Hulstrom reported that ARRTI will not charge us for the bush.

Jan expressed the commission's thanks and suggested finding a way to show appreciation annually.

Sarah Wallace's stone: Jan noted the stone fell over two years ago and broke in half; it needs repair.

Pruning hydrangeas: Funds are available to complete this before the end of the year.

Loomis Hill Cemetery

The area has been brush hogged, but piles of brush remain and branches are littering the area.

Demeritt Cemetery

Highland Property Services (Tom Douglass) has not billed the commission for cleanup, so it is unclear whether the work has been done. Members will go take a look.

Hope Cemetery

Water spigots need to be attended to twice yearly to turn on and off. The valve near Winooski St. needs to be replaced. The commission would like a backflow spigot installed, similar to the one on Maple St., and would like the town to pay for water directly rather than the commission paying EFUD.

Hope Cemetery Cleanup with WHS

Bryan Farnsworth has provided the cost for the equipment needed for the cleanup, which the commission will cover. The commission is spreading the word on social media.

Kirby House

There will be another interment from Kirby House in the lower section.

Disinterment of Christine Nicole Perry from Hope

Her mother, Michelle Yates, has standing to request this and has filed the required paperwork. Another citizen has submitted a letter raising personal concerns.

Online Presentation of Cemeteries

The commission voted to post the latest approved pages for the Old Center Cemetery and Maple St. on the town website. Robert will run the Loomis Hill page through the same process so it matches the others.

Replacing Barbara Walton, Commissioner

Jill and Jan will each follow up with a potential candidate to fill the seat until the March 2027 town meeting. The commission will send a notice with a brief description of the position for the town to post. An interim commissioner would be appointed by the select board.

Vermont Office of Chief Medical Examiner

Twenty-six cremains will be delivered after October 2 for interment in the “A” vault.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Steele Room

Respectfully submitted, Jill Chase