

Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2025

- The meeting opened at 5:02PM with Jim Hajjar, Joyce Keegal, Jillian Benedix, Skip Belanger, and Caleb Labbe present.
- Motion by Skip, second by Jillian to have Jim Hajjar continue as chairperson and secretary. Unanimously approved.
- **Signed light bill** – Jim, Jillian, Skip signed lates electric bill.
- **Signed two deeds** for Leblanc and Carmody
- **Motion** by Jim, 2nd by Jillian to accept the March 6th meeting minutes as presented with correction of Caleb “Labbe” (had typo in last name)
- **Cemetery Activity**
 - **Cemetery opening** – Joyce opened the cemetery on April 1st. She purchased new US and NH State flags to fly on flagpoles. They look great!
 - **Upcoming Funerals** – Joyce supported the Datro funeral on April 3rd (20 attendees). Scheduled funerals for Scovel on May 16th at 8:30AM and Lemoine also on May 16th at 11:00AM.
- **Future Planning and Calendar**
 - **Gatherings** – Joyce has seen an recent increase in requests for stone cleaning workshops!
 - **Future Town Cemetery** – Jim and Joyce met with Rob Wofchuck from conservation commission. Rob is working with Bruce Stevens and Town of Brentwood to finalize the transfer of the South road properties to the town before end of year. Jillian will setup a meeting with Town Planner Glen Greenwood to discuss notification of our intentions to the Town of Kingston (since part of the future cemetery will actually be in Kingston). Joyce will speak to Doug Finan regarding having a professional consultant evaluate the proper layout for the future cemetery. We need to understand the costs of this consulting work so we can notify the select board.
 - **International Firefighters' Day (IFFD)** – Joyce has this scheduled for Saturday May 3rd. Will be putting out firefighter flags with ribbons and people can place flowers.
 - **Police Week** – Joyce has this scheduled for Thursday, May 15th. Place flags and people can place flowers. This year we will be focused on a ‘low key / somber’ occasion remembering all deceased police officers.

- **Memorial Day** – Joyce has the event scheduled for Monday May 26th at 8:00AM. The trustees agreed with superintendent’s request to utilize sunpatiens flowers instead of geraniums. The sunpatiens are much more animal resistant and require much less water and care. They are also slightly less expensive. We will try them this year and evaluate how well they do compared to geraniums.
- **DAR Stone Cleaning** – Joyce has this scheduled for Saturday, May 31st with a time to be determined. We will advertise and try to get volunteers.

- **Any Other Business**
 - **Poor Farm Cemetery** – Joyce will talk to Glen Greenwood regarding process for getting the abandoned cemetery properly identified on GIS map and deeds. Scheduled final cleanup and planting of some flowers for Tuesday, May 13th. Joyce will notify the property owners of our plans. On that day, we will determine the appropriate marker – probably a metal plaque that will be affixed to the large bolder on boundary of cemetery. Once we decide the proper marker, we will order the plaque from one of the local memorial companies and have them install it.

- **Motion** Jillian second by Skip to adjourn at 6:10 PM.

Next Meeting is on Thursday June 5, 2025, at 5PM at Town Office.