

Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2026

- The meeting opened at 5:03PM with Jim Hajjar, Jillian Benedix, Joyce Keegal, Skip Belanger and alternate member Caleb Labbe present. This meeting was broadcast on the Town of Brentwood YouTube Channel.
- **Signed light bill** – Jim and Skip signed electric bill.
- **Signed deed:** There no deeds to be signed
- **Motion** by Skip, 2nd by Jim to accept the May 7, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Jim will remove draft, and update the website with approved minutes.
- **Quaker Cemetery Update** – Laura Hajjar and Dexter Swasey were present from the Brentwood Historic Society. Jim Hajjar read the letter received on May 27 from the New England Quakers granting the Brentwood Cemetery Trustees “*to respectfully attend to the maintenance of the Brentwood Cemetery, in whatever way you deem appropriate*”. Jim also received a quote to survey the Quaker Cemetery and the easement access to South Road and have the town property clearly marked. Motion Skip second Jillian to expend up to \$1200 to survey the town owned cemetery utilizing the Cemetery Maintenance trust fund. The Cemetery Trustees will discuss the long term clean-up and maintenance of the Quaker Cemetery at a future meeting.

Laura Hajjar informed the Trustees that Brentwood Historic Society (BHS) will be highlighting the Quaker Cemetery as part of the NH Humanities Scavenger Hunt. She is requesting that volunteers be allowed to clean up the Town easement from South Road as well as a small area to allow visitors to walk into Cemetery and view some of the stones. The BHS will create a sign with a QR code that links to the historic story of the Brentwood Quakers and the Association Test of 1776. The BHS and Trustees decided to do a cleanup on Saturday, June 20 at 9AM. Jim will check with Wayne to see if the Highway department can assist with removing the debris.

- **Financial Review**
 - **Cemetery Budget** – Reviewed the current YTD actual expenditure report. No questions were raised and we are in very good shape.
- **Cemetery Activity**
 - **Memorial Day** – Jim thanked Joyce for all her efforts on such a successful event. Joyce stated over 50 people attended even though it was a rainy morning.

- **DAR stone cleaning** – This even will be rescheduled (at Tuck Cemetery)

- **Old Business**

- **New Cemetery** – Team reviewed the draft quick claim deed that Paul Kleinman created for the Town of Brentwood. We are awaiting the BHS to determine an appropriate name for the new cemetery. Once the new name is determined, that name will be added to the deed. This is another big step towards creation of the new town cemetery. Jim raised the issue of creating a “New Cemetery Capital Trust Fund” to pay for the design, development, and construction of the new town cemetery. This will need to be a warrant proposed to voters in 2027. The goal is to spread out the estimated total cost over a 4 or 5 year period. We also must assure that the Cemetery Trustees are listed as “agents to expend” on the new fund.
- **Poor Farm Survey Update** – Jillian said the landowners will be present at the July 7 select board meeting to sign the easement. The Trustees should be present at the select board meeting to thank the landowners for their support. The easement will be signed by landowners, the chair of select board, and the chair of cemetery trustees.

Once the easement is signed, the town attorney can officially add the easement to the property deed and the town can update the GIS map with the new cemetery easement. The Cemetery Rules and Regulations will also be updated to reflect the new Poor Farm Cemetery and stating that anyone who wishes to access the cemetery needs to contact the Superintendent.

- **Future Planning & calendar**

- **Funerals:** June 28 (Moran/Stephens), June 23 (Quintinliani)
- **Burial Ground(s)** – Jillian and Joyce will try to find volunteers to attend and assist
 - **Deer Hill** – Try to identify location and any stones
 - **South Rd** – Bertie and Fellows stone. There are also two stones that say “Butch 8/7/1940” and “Liz 1953-1958”. Will try to identify whether or not these were pet burials.
 - **Lyford** – Near Rt 125
 - **Smith** – Rt 27 across from dragway. May have to check with Dave Mentor for exact location.

- **Any other business**
 - **Tuck Cemetery wall maintenance** – Joyce still working to find descendants regarding the maintenance of the wall and the plaque. This is a private cemetery and not a town owned cemetery.
- **Work Session** – We did not have time to work on this item. If we have time, we will continue completing the list at our next meeting.
- **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- **Motion** - Jillian second by Skip to adjourn at 6:18PM. Next Meeting is scheduled to Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 5PM at Town Office. Jim will put on town calendar

Attachment A – Letter from New England Quakers



NEW ENGLAND
QUAKERS

May 27, 2026

Dear Jim Hajjar, Joyce Keegal, and the Brentwood NH Cemetery Trustees,

We, the Permanent Board of the New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) were pleased to hear of your efforts to learn more about the Quaker cemetery on South Road in Brentwood, and your hope to initiate some basic maintenance of the site.

We are aware that the cemetery was deeded to the town of Brentwood, NH and therefore is not under our legal ownership, or care. However, we realize that much of the early history of Quakers in the Brentwood area is foundational to our New England Society of Friends. As Permanent Board Clerk of NEYM I am grateful to the care and collaboration from Kathleen Wooten, NEYM Permanent Board member and member of Lawrence Friends Meeting, and the Cemetery Trustees, for bringing care needs of the Cemetery to our attention.

We share our deep gratitude for your recent efforts to respectfully attend to the maintenance of the Brentwood Cemetery, in whatever way you deem appropriate.

We look forward to sharing more of our religious history, and learning more about the history of Brentwood, New Hampshire.

In gratitude,

Susan Davies
Clerk, Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting

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QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That OSGOOD FAMILY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, a New Hampshire Limited Liability Company, with a principal address of 235 Route 9, Barrington, State of New Hampshire 03825, for consideration paid, grant to The Town of Brentwood, of 1 Dalton Road, Brentwood, New Hampshire 03833, all our right, title and interest in and to the following:

A certain tract of land situate on the Northerly side of South Road in Brentwood, County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, shown as the Quaker Cemetery, containing 10,854 s.f. on a plan entitled "Osgood Subdivision, South and Lake Road, Brentwood" by Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc., dated 11/11/98 to be recorded herewith, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete bound on the Northerly side of South Road, so called, at the Southwest corner of the within described parcel, thence running N19°34'35"E a distance of 35.38 feet, more or less, to a granite bound. Thence turning and running N11°10'21"E a distance of 105.00 feet, more or less, to a granite bound. Thence turning and running S78°49'39"E a distance of 100.00 feet, more or less, to a granite bound. Thence turning and running S11°10'21"W a distance of 105.00 feet, more or less, to a granite bound. Thence turning and running N78°49'39"W a distance of 89.89 feet, more or less, to a granite bound. Thence turning and running S19°34'35"W a distance of 35.38 feet, more or less, to a granite bound on the Northerly side of South Road. Thence turning and running N78°49'39"W along the Northerly line of South Road a distance of 10.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Meaning and intending to convey a portion of the premises conveyed to the grantors by deed of the Exeter Road Realty Trust dated April 24, 1998, see Volume 3294 Page 1458 recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

Signed this 21 day of April, 1999.

Ronald F. Osgood Manager

Ronald F. Osgood - manager of the Osgood Family Limited Liability Company

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