

# Minutes

## Wilmington Cemetery Commission

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| DATE                       | September 11, 2025       |
| TIME                       | 4:35 PM                  |
| MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY | Mr. Richard Khachadorian |

### IN ATTENDANCE

Janet Boyd, Jennifer Goodell, Richard Khachadorian, Ralph Staib, Walter White

Sextons: John Boyd, Todd Stewart

Guests: Marshall Dix, Gretchen Havreluk

### TOPICS

Restland Stone Wall on Beaver St.

Maintenance/Structures

Cemetery Rules, Regulations and By-Laws

Sexton's Report

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Mr. Ralph Staib. This motion was seconded by Ms. Janet Boyd and unanimously passed.

### RESTLAND STONE WALL

Mr. Marshall Dix spoke on behalf of the town highway department. He voiced concerns over the current condition of the retaining wall along Beaver Street. Mr. Dix proposed the possibility of moving the wall back five or ten feet. Mr. Todd Stewart would like to obtain some measurements as there could be unmarked graves present which could present a problem if construction commenced. Grants are currently being researched by the town. It was suggested acquiring funds for a Ground Penetrating Radar could be wise. Ms. Gretchen Havreluk suggested approaching the selectboard and requesting funds for a capital account at town meeting could be helpful for large expenditures. Ms. Havreluk also let the board know Complete Streets would be visiting on September 30<sup>th</sup> to view the situation on Beaver Street.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Avril/Riverview-After the topic of ground penetrating radar was brought up, it was suggested perhaps this technology could also be used in these cemeteries in largely open areas to confirm ground is available for future plots and construction. Mr. John Boyd offered to call Linda Swanson. Cheryl was asked what it would cost to cut back the garden at Riverview and prepare it for winter. Mr. Ralph Staib motioned to pay her fee of \$150 which was seconded by Mr. Richard Khachadorian and passed unanimously.

Intervale/Cutting-Four trees have been marked and the project has gone out to bid. The goal of the commission is to keep the project around \$8,000.

Restland- Five or six stones still lean.

## **CEMETERY RULES, REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS**

Mr. Todd Stewart presented updated and rephrased rules and by-laws. The committee deemed several changes were necessary to Rules and Regulations #8 (will be edited as to state "No homemade markers or markers made of wood are permitted.") and #11 (will be edited as to state "Existing trees or shrubs may be removed if they interfere with maintenance, damage lots or cause damage to lots or are otherwise detrimental.") as well as By-Laws Sec. 8 #3 (will be changed so it states a special meeting will be called only in accordance with laws of the town of Wilmington and the state of Vermont.) Mr. Richard Khachadorian made a motion to accept the new rules and by laws which was seconded by Ms. Janet Boyd. This passed unanimously. The new rules and by laws will be presented to the committee at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so members can sign the documents.

## **SEXTON'S REPORT**

The Burke bench was placed in Riverview less than a week ago. The Comier stone will be arriving soon. Some stones in Riverview do not have death dates. Mr. Mark Barber will be researching dates and placing orders.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

## **NEXT MEETING**

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4:30, Wilmington Fire Department Conference Room.