

Cemetery Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
4:00 PM Town Hall

*Present:* Henry Tirrell, Sandy Evans, Stan Civco, JoAnn Gundlach, Grant Mudge, Phylis Bernard and Barbara Gomez

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

*Public Comments:* None

*Approval of Minutes:* January 14, 2026

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting as presented.  
Second S. Civco. Carried unanimously.

*Approval of policy and application changes*

A line for veteran's status was added to the Request for Burial Rights application. This will assist in identifying graves that should have proper military markers. H. Tirrell suggested that possible overtime charges for burials be added to the policy. Much discussion centered on the burial of pet ashes *during a regular burial*. H. Tirrell reviewed the State statutes regarding burials, but the wording is vague and does not stipulate ashes vs. animal carcass. It was decided to table the discussion regarding pet ashes until the next meeting. Other discussions to be tabled were burial hours, possible burial price increase, and a second contact person (beneficiary) for the record when burial plots are purchased.

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the veteran's information added to the Request for Burial Rights application. Second S. Civco. Carried unanimously.

*South Norfolk Cemetery Business*

- H. Tirrell will be meeting Bob Gilchrest, from Allied Engineering, who will assist in the planning and layout of the new road in the back portion of the cemetery. Henry suggested that we plan our next Cemetery Committee Meeting on site.
- Henry reached out to Joe Marolda who is interested in repairing the old cemetery stones.
- S. Evans inquired about the Cemetery Committee fund of \$32,992 and how it is to be used. It is JoAnn's understanding that there is a balance of \$11,000 to be used for the stone wall.
- Henry will talk to public works about putting a garbage can back at the cemetery.

*Grantville Cemetery Business*

- S. Evans suggested that we repair the perimeter around the Grant family plot, possibly with plastic chain links. The stones in the plot may also need some repair/straightening.
- There are some overgrown shrubs that need cutting. S. Civco suggested cutting any overgrowth on the old graves at ground level and spraying with concentrated Roundup in the Fall.

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*Grantville Cemetery (continued)*

- Henry will mention overgrown shrubs to Sean Muzzulin who does the mowing.

*Pond Town Cemetery Business*

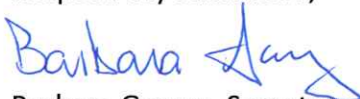
- S. Evans mentioned how good the new fence looks.
- S. Civco suggested that someone cut overgrowth near the stone wall on the south side of the cemetery. Hemlock trees also need trimming.
- S. Civco reported a few tilting stones need straightening.

*Other Business*

- Henry will coordinate with Joe Marolda, prior to our next meeting, to take a look at the cemetery stones and provide us a plan on what he thinks he can do.
- P. Bernard asked if the town will be placing a stone for Jane Cleveland in Pond Town Cemetery as the family never did. The policy does not require this.
- Grant Mudge asked about veteran markers. Markers and flags were discussed. S. Civco asked if the town could look into purchasing veteran markers. J. Gundlach reported that prior to placing veteran markers the official paperwork (DD214) must be filed at the Town Clerk's Office.
- Civil War Veterans – J. Gundlach reported Hartley Mead had researched and marked the graves in South Norfolk Cemetery with a blue marker several years ago, but the markers have since been pulled up. These graves should be marked.

**MOTION** S. Civco to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barbara Gomez, Secretary