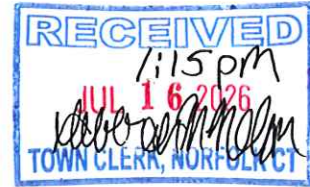


Cemetery Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
4:00 PM Town Hall



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

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2026

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting as presented.
Second S. Civco. Carried unanimously.

South Norfolk Cemetery Business

- H. Tirrell reported that the driveway in the back section of the cemetery has been staked out. The plan is to dig down 12" - 18", fill it with stone and top it off with either process (packed dirt & gravel) or millings (ground road materials). The benefit of the process would be that it would look more natural, but it could get wet and muddy and eventually grow grass. The millings are similar to the driveway at Grantville Cemetery. Any materials to be used are available at the town farm. H. Tirrell reviewed the map, drawn up by Bob Gilchrest of Allied Engineering, with the committee members. After much discussion it was decided to go with the millings which will keep the grass out longer and be more defined in appearance. The work will start in early Fall.
MOTION S. Civco to finish the road off with the millings provided by the town.
Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.
- H. Tirrell discussed an email he received from the neighbors next door who were concerned about drainage issues with the new road going in. H. Tirrell spoke with Troy LaMere, PW Supervisor who reported that the grade isn't going to change and will remain at the same level.
- J. Gundlach inquired about the granite posts which need holes drilled for the chains. H. Tirrell reported that 11 posts were purchased, and he will make sure to get the holes drilled in the necessary posts to retain the chains. The possibility of cement footings for the posts was also discussed.
- H. Tirrell met with Joe Marolda who will be repairing the broken and leaning stones in all three cemeteries as his time permits.
- The black plastic chains and signage have been put up to prevent cars from entering the front section of the cemetery.
- H. Tirrell will look into the cemetery funds (\$32,992 & \$11,000) discussed at last meeting.
- J. Gundlach inquired about garbage can. We will check with public works.
- S. Evans asked about the trees. H. Tirrell said there are 3 trees which seem fine.

Grantville Cemetery Business

- Trees - Sean Muzzlin, who mows the town properties, gave H. Tirrell some ribbon to mark any trees that need trimming. Trimming the hydrangea tree was discussed. Sean has also seeded the lower section a number of times trying to regrow the grass.

Pond Town Cemetery Business

- S. Civco reported on the trees that need trimming:
 - Cut back the hemlock over the Alford graves on south side of cemetery
 - Cut back the laurel leaning on two gravestones in center of cemetery
 - Cut back the rhododendron over the Peterson gravesite on the east side
- S. Civco discussed the lichen buildup on many gravestones including the Norton monument. We should look into cleaning the stones. Cleaning products and brushes discussed for various stones i.e. granite vs. limestone.
- S. Civco complimented the fence at Pond Town Cemetery. Public Works did a great job installing it.

Other Business

- H. Tirrell reached out to State Senator Paul Honig regarding funding to assist in repairing veteran's graves. More information to come.
- Pet Ashes – H. Tirrell did some research and there is no law that prohibits or specifically allows pet ashes to be added to a human burial. Some states are clarifying their policies to allow pet ashes. The members agreed that pet ashes could be included at the time of the human burial as long as they fit in an urn that doesn't exceed the size of the plot (18"x18"x18").
- Veteran's grave markers and list discussed. S. Evans has the list she used for last year's Wreaths Across America broken down for each cemetery. Richard Byrne has the veteran's list for Center Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery. Discussion regarding identifying unmarked graves.
- G. Mudge reported Wreaths Across America will be December 19th this year. Last year they started with 200 veterans and ended with 250.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 4:53 p.m. Second S. Civco. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary