

DRAFT MINUTES – Riverside Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Wednesday February 4, 2026 @ 5:30 PM @ Conference Room

1 - Call the meeting to order

Chair Laurie Martocci called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM

Present were:

Laurie Martocci, Dot Maggio, Howard Osgood and Mike Winot.

Doug Wellman let us know that he would be late.

2 - Changes to agenda

Dot moved to change reviewing the draft minutes from the 7/24/25 meeting until such time as Doug Wellman was present. Howard and Mike missed the July meeting and would have to abstain from voting on them. Laurie Martocci seconded the motion and the motion to move reviewing the draft minutes from July until Doug's arrival passed.

3 - Member of the Public

Scheduled - None

Unscheduled - None

4 - Old Business

A: Fence invoice - as of today, Laurie has not received an invoice from the Bournes for the antique iron fence the commission has agreed to purchase. Laurie will call Mrs. Bourne and follow up. There were some questions about when delivery would be requested. It was decided to wait till spring.

B: Cemetery Deed Form

The Town Clerk has on her computer a cemetery deed form that she is currently using and understands that if she wants to change it she can. The Buy Back Policy and Deed Transfer Forms were given to the town clerk.

C: Vote on New ByLaws

Dot read the revised ByLaws (Articles 1 through 11) into the record. Dot made a motion to accept the revised ByLaws. Mike Winot seconded the motion. All were in favor. A hard copy was provided for signatures. The original document was placed at the Town Clerk's desk for her to store. Photocopies of the signed document were given to Laurie and Dot. The other commissioners had unsigned copies of the ByLaws.

5 - New Business

Purchase of additional land

Property owner Rebecca Whitney reached out to Laurie Martocci regarding land next to the Riverside Cemetery. The previous interested party no longer was going to purchase 2 acres. Rebecca would like to pursue selling to the cemetery as she cannot afford to donate the land. Several questions were raised: Can the Cemetery Commissioners call for a Special Town Meeting? Would this be a property tax buyout exchange? How much is needed to purchase approximately 125 feet of land on the South side of the current cemetery on Hill Road. Legal advice is needed. The Selectboard uses Robert Fischer as their attorney. It was suggested that a request be made to 1) get permission to seek legal advice (VLCT &/or Robert Fischer) on how best to move forward. We could send an email to the SB chair to get permission to proceed. And 2) Request time during the April 15th Selectboard meeting to share what information we learned about adding land to the Riverside Cemetery. By then we could also report on the Fence and April Cleanup at Riverside. Laurie will draft a letter to Rebecca Whitney telling her that the Commissioners are going to get some advice on the best way to move forward and that we appreciate her decision to sell some land to the Cemetery. She will have to reach out to her mortgage company about this new development.

Doug Wellman arrived at 6:07 PM

Doug made a motion to accept the draft minutes from the July 24 meeting

Laurie seconded the motion

Howard and Mike Abstained

The motion passed with Dot, Doug and Laurie voting.

6 - Next Meeting

The Riverside Cemetery Commissioners will hold their reorganizational meeting on Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 6 PM at the town hall conference room.

We will discuss - April Clean up, Fence Project, Review property purchase details and plan on presenting to the SB during the April 15th meeting

7 - Adjourn the meeting

Howard Osgood moved to adjourn the meeting

Mike Winot seconded the motion

All were in favor - Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

Recording Clerk: D. Maggio