

Granville Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2025 at the Town Clerk's Office

1) Call to order 9:03 am

In attendance: Wiilam Brokhof, Kate Stauss, Cheryl Sargeant

2) Public Comment - none

3) Discussion:

- *Personnel* - Kate motioned that William become the commission's Chair and Kate, the Secretary. All in favor. Discussion ensued over Scott's resignation which the Selectboard is already aware of. The Commission hopes to have our third director selected at the Selectboard meeting on May 12. Discussion ensued about possible members of the community with ties to the people buried in the cemeteries. Cheryl explained that she would be involved as Town Clerk to guide us and as the conduit for sales of plots.
Other personnel - Cheryl explained that the sexton position is appointed by the selectboard for one year, with the cemetery commission's approval. Currently it is town resident Dan Mulcher. Responsibilities are to dig the grave hole and fill it in. The sexton is paid by the family of the deceased at a rate set by the sextant. We are not involved in hiring or paying the groundspeople.
- Budget - Cheryl presented the accounts, noting that the money reserved for Perpetual Care (\$7744.43) cannot be used for any other purpose beyond gravestone maintenance, with the approval of the family members when possible. As of Feb. 3, 2025, our current CD contains \$19,084.46 total, making about \$11,000 available for use. The CD matures every 6 months and rolls over unless the Commission informs Nancy Needham to extract funds. Next opportunity to extract funds is July 26, 2025.
- Project Priorities for 2025.
 - Cemeteries are open from May 1 - Oct. 31.
 - We will conduct an investigation of cemeteries to determine our priorities on May 23 when we put the small flags up on veterans' graves. Estimated need: 30 flags.
 - Lions Club Honor Guard arrives sometime around Memorial Day at which time the U.S. flag and VT state flag must go up. Kate will contact Mac McGuffin to see if he can let us know when that will specifically happen.
 - William will pursue purchase of the flags. He will also research purchasing a solar light to illuminate the flags.

4) Adjournment: 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Stauss, Secretary