

Cemetery Commission

Minutes

June 15, 2026

10:00 am at the Granville Town Clerk's Office

1. Call to Order 10:05a In attendance: Kate Stauss and Vic Parrish. Cheryl Sargeant advising.
2. Approve Minutes of 5/18/26. All in favor
4. Financials - A PO request was made and signed for Dispersal of funds from the Branschofsky interment: \$250 to sexton Natalie Cassidy. \$150 to be deposited for perpetual care.
5. Old Business
 - A. Approve revised Cemetery Plot Purchase Agreement: Kate explained the new document which is attached. All in favor.
 - B. Status of upcoming interments: No news from Bagleys about when and whether they will continue with their interment. Lucille Jaesson has been communicating with us but no timeline has been set.
 - C. Updating plot maps
 - North Hollow access: After a working meeting surveying the cemetery, the sexton and commissioners are agreed that we need a more viable right of way for the back (new) part of the cemetery. The new access road will be behind and parallel to Row 2 of this section. We agreed to The "Right of Way" currently marked in the middle of Row 1 will instead have four new lots, labeled Row 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d between the Mike Eramo plot and the Norman Brown plot. We anticipate that Lucille Jaesson will purchase 1d.
 - Row 2 has been started with Norm Rushton's plot (2 singles) - His plots will be labeled 2.9 & 2.10. An examination of the contract made with Norm Rushton on 9/11/2024 revealed that Pamela Rushton intended to be buried with three pets, a violation of the bylaws. A letter will be sent to Mr. Rushton to explain that this will not be allowed.
 - Discussion ensued about the "Brown, Ward, Belisle" plot and whether Jon Belisle had been interred in the correct place. We are still seeking

clarity on which lots were originally purchased and which remain open. A letter will be sent by close of season with the results of our investigation. It will also explain the rules concerning graveside decorations. original purchasers of the plots explaining the rules about graveside decorations.

D. South Hollow Cemetery Community Cleanup. Vic has contacted Livingston's who will contract to do repairs. We will need to strategize timing and budget at a future date.

E. Review of the Bylaws: Summary, & sections VII, VIII, IX. Table VII, VIII, IX.
SECTION VII.

Rules 1 - 4, 7a and b, 13 stand as written

Rule 5 - Revise to: No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in one grave including cremains with the exception of a parent and infant or two infants in one casket.

Rule 6 - STRIKE

Rule 8 - STRIKE

Rule 9 & 10 combined and revised to: All charges for interment or services in connection therewith shall be paid to the cemetery commissioners prior to interment. A receipt will be issued to the purchaser.

Rule 11- Revise to: The right is reserved by the commissioners to insist upon at least 48 hours notice prior to any interment and at least one week's notice prior to any disinterment or removal.

Rule 12: STRIKE

Rule 14 & 15 will be combined.

VIII: Memorial Landscaping and Artificial Decorations

Rule 1, 3, 4 & 5 stand as written

Rule 2 add: "artificial decoration such as plastic bouquets, lawn chairs, bottles and cans, and other manmade structures" directly after "authority to remove all..." and before "floral designs."

IX: Enforcement of the Rules

Stands as is.

SUMMARY - The purpose of this document is informational for persons interested in acquiring a cemetery plot. It should be the coversheet for the the Bylaws but also

available as a separate handout available in the Town Clerk's office and in communication between Cemetery Commissioners/Sexton and potential purchasers.

Kate will draft a paragraph expressing the importance of respecting a cemetery as a personal and public place to commemorate loved ones with due decorum.

STANDS as written: Rules 1, 3, 4, & 10

Rule 2. Strike

Rule 5. Strike

Rule 6. Revise to include artificial decorations and manmade structures. Combine with Rule 7. Change the date.

Rule 8. Strike.

Rule 9. Strike.

Include information on Lots and Prices using the wording and pricing on the Cemetery Plot Purchase Agreement. Include the number of cremains allowed in each plot.

6. New Business

- Sexton's report, attached. All in favor.

7. Any other necessary business - Vic advocated indexing all of the sites in a card index to make researching and processing the gravesites easier, starting with Elmwood. Vic will begin the process and report to the board as the project progresses. Discussion ensued about digitizing the information afterwards and utilizing the information while revising plot maps.

8. Adjournment - at 11:45am