

# City of Barre

## Public Body Meeting Minutes

**Committee:** Cemeteries

**Date of Meeting:** April 6, 2026

**Location of Meeting:** In- Person The Roosevelt Room 3rd Floor Alumni Hall

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Chairperson Starr Parnigoni LeCompte, Helen Long, Donna Drayman-Pulice, Renie Zanleoni, Heather Milne-Ritchie, Ilene Gillander, and Director Tom Baker

**Committee Members Absent:** Mayor Thom Lauzon, Mark Gherardi and Giuliano Cecchinelli

Meeting was called to order at: 3:30 pm

Minutes of the December 15, 2025 meeting were approved.

Moved : Helen

Second: Renie

### **Director's Report**

Director Tom reported that four staff members will be returning this season. Donny has not submitted his letter of retirement. Tom would like to have at least one month of overlapping time for Donny to train a new person.

### **Cemetery Flowers**

The entire committee was in agreement that we wanted Tom to purchase only "Tall Red Geraniums".

### **Sign Installation**

Donny will install the signs this spring directing buses.

### **Grubs**

The grub problem will cost between \$20,000 to \$24,000, therefore the project must go out for bids. Tom needs three quotes. The committee agreed that we need a sample of the application to test on a piece of granite before it must be applied in mid-May.

### **Relocation of the Zanleoni Bench - Amended paragraph**

Multiple locations were discussed for the new location of the bench. Heather believes it should be moved to a cemetery, but the ultimate decision is up to the family. The bench does not belong to the City. Starr agreed to reach out to the family for their feelings.

### **Old Fountain in Hope Cemetery**

There was a consensus of opinion that the old fountain should be removed and Alcide Fantoni's sculpture should be relocated.

### **Future Meeting Schedule**

Discussion followed concerning the best time for our meetings.

Motion: The Cemeteries Committee should meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 11 am until 12:30 pm. Motion made by: Renie Second: Helen Approved  
Starr will contact Michelle to change times and arrange a meeting place and zoom time.

### **Stone Cleaning Schedule**

Starr and Tom will meet with Carol Dawes. Starr talked about members of the Cemeteries Committee adopting a particular cemetery.

### **Cozzi Fountain Project**

Starr appointed Heather Milne-Ritchie as the Chairperson of the Cozzi Working Group. Other members of the group will be Mark Gherardi, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Ilene Gillander, and Tom Baker. The decision was made to hire a professional person to organize the Call for Designs and to choose a Selection Committee. They also agreed to hire a Project Manager who would be an engineer with experience to oversee construction of the fountain.

### **Round Table**

Heather would like to discuss the possibility of having a parking area at Hope Cemetery. Helen asked Tom Baker for the water to be turned on at the cemeteries before Memorial Day.

**By May 15, 2026 cemetery regulations require the removal of Christmas wreaths, artificial flowers and any artificial items. The only thing permitted during summer months is live flowers.**

Motion to Adjourn: Moved: Renie Second: Helen Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:45 pm

The next meeting will be: **Monday May 18, 2026**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ilene R. Gillander, Secretary