

City of Barre

Public Body Meeting Minutes

Committee: Cemeteries

Date of Meeting: May 18, 2026

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

Committee Members In Attendance: Chairperson Starr Parnigoni LeCompte, Helen Long, Heather Milne-Ritchie, Ilene Gillander, Giuliano Cecchinelli and Director Tom Baker

Committee Members Absent: Mark Gherardi, Renie Zanleoni, Donna Drayman-Pulice and Mayor Thom Lauzon

Guests Present: Steve England

Meeting was called to order at: 11:04 am

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday April 6, 2026 were approved as amended.

Moved: Helen Long

Second: Giuliano Cecchinelli

Steve England representing the “Granite City Run-Walk 5K for Veterans” was present to report that this organization is setting aside monies to restore, repair and refurbish primarily Veteran’s stones in Elmwood Cemetery beginning in 2027. He is interested in having the Cemetery Committee give the organization guidelines to begin. Heather told him that many of the old stones might need to be replaced.

Grubs

Director Tom reported that he has hired TruGreen to control the grub problem. They are coming the week of May 18th to begin treatment. Tom was asked to request a price to treat the grub problem in Elmwood Cemetery.

Bus Signs

The signs will not be installed until later on in the season, but before the majority of buses arrive in September.

Summer Staffing

Director Tom reported that there are four seasonal workers presently working and no more seasonal employees will be hired.

Cemetery Flowers

Director Tom informed us that he has purchased 720 Red Geraniums, as requested by the committee, using his entire \$5,000 flower allotment. The planting has begun.

Stone Cleaning

The money for the cleaning of stones in Hope Cemetery from Polycor, The BGA and Gherardi and Buttura will continue this summer.

Zanleoni Bench Relocation

The Zanleoni family is in favor of moving the bench to Hope Cemetery. It has been hit by a car in its present location. The Cemetery Committee will act as a liaison with the family. They must realize that they will be responsible for the entire cost of the project including buying the land.

Old Fountain Removal

Alcide Fantoni's sculpture must be relocated within Hope Cemetery. Director Tom was charged with getting bids to have the present fountain dismantled and removed. No permits are needed to complete this project. Tom would like the DPW to pave over the area, but they are busy until October.

The Cozzi Fountain

Heather reported that a Design Manager has been contacted. This person would like us to have a Project Engineer in place before they assumed their position. DuBois and King was suggested as an excellent engineering firm. Jeff Tucker was also mentioned.

Heather requested that when Carol Dawes reports to the committee at the beginning of the fiscal year she bring with her a yearly accounting of the cemeteries.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2026 at 11:00am

Motion to Adjourn: Moved: Heather Second: Helen Motion passed
Meeting was adjourned at: 12:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ilene R. Gillander, Secretary