

City of Barre

Public Body Meeting Minutes

Committee: Cemeteries

Date of Meeting: July 20, 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, Mark Gherardi, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Donna Drayman-Pulice, Taylor Dexter, Director Tom Baker, Mayor Thom Lauzon

Committee Members Absent: Renie Zanleoni

Guests Present on Zoom: Mary Cecchinelli

Meeting was called to order at: 11:01 am

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday June 15, 2026 were approved.

Moved by: Heather

Second: Donna

New Committee Member: Taylor Dexter was introduced by Heather. She works at Hooker and Whitcomb.

Officer Elections for the new fiscal year 2027:

Motion to elect Starr LeCompte as Chairperson

Moved: Ilene

Second: Helen

Motion approved

Motion to elect Heather Ritchie as Vice-Chairperson

Moved: Ilene

Second: Donna

Motion approved

Motion to elect Ilene Gillander as Secretary

Moved: Starr

Second: Helen

Motion approved

Director's Business Report:

Mayor Lauzon suggested a "Bullet List" of items for Director Tom to cover at the next meeting.

Giuliano suggested having a meeting with Tom before setting the agenda in the future.

Cemetery Staffing Update: Joel Carminati will take over as the Foreman of the Cemeteries on August 17, 2026

Discussion of Giuliano's Fountain purchase: Giuliano has privately arranged with former City Manager Nicholas Storellicastro to purchase the old fountain. He received permission to do this from the City Council on July 14, 2026. He plans to restore and refurbish the old fountain and repurpose it to a flower bed. He will be responsible for all the expenses dealing with this project including purchasing flowers and maintenance. This equivalent to a 3 grave lot can not be used for burial. The Cemetery Committee will be responsible for moving the granite sculpture by

Alcide Fantoni and placing it in Hope Cemetery. Starr will write an email to the Mayor stating that the Committee approved of Giuliano's purchase and plans.

Stone Cleaning: We received money from the Perpetual Fund to begin cleaning stones in Elmwood and St. Monica's.

Cozzi Fountain Mark presented the rudimentary conceptual design of an arch fountain. A site visit has been arranged for July 26 at 12 noon. The BGA will do their best to contain the cost. It will be a source of great pride for local artisans to design and produce this fountain in Barre.

Bus Signs: They are still not in place in Hope Cemetery. They must be up by September.

New Business: Heather reminded Tom about an email from Pan Wilson from the Garden Committee. Starr reported that Errol Briggs is still working on a prioritized list of veteran's stones for repair in Elmwood. Robin Abbey will be visiting Barre next month. She and her brother will possibly provide funds to restore, clean and replace stones in Elmwood.

Next meeting: August 17, 2026

Motion to Adjourn: Moved : Heather Second: Donna Motion approved

Meeting was adjourned at: 12:12pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ilene R. Gillander, Secretary