City of Barre
Public Body Meeting Minutes

Committee: Cemeteries **Date of Meeting: October 19, 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, Donna Drayman-Pulice, Renie Zanleoni, Director Tom Baker and Taylor Dexter

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

Meeting Called to Order at: 11:01 am

Minutes of the Meeting on September 21, 2026 were approved
Moved by: Starr Second by: Renie

Director's Report
Director Tom reported that the seasonal help will be finishing their last week on October 23, 2026 There were many compliments on the condition of the cemeteries. The water will be turned off at the end of the month. The City owns the Bobby Burns statue and we will be cleaning it next spring. Tom will ask to use the water at The Historical Society. We will also need a lift to reach the stone. The Cemetery Cemcites Software is ready for training. Director Tom, Kris Kirby and Joel Carminati will be trained. The DAR plaque will be installed next to the flagpole in Elmwood.

Chairperson Starr's Report on Cleaning
Starr met with Vinny Calcagni and the VFW men and 12 stones were chosen for repair and or replacement in Elmwood. New Barre Grey flat grass markers will be used. Vinny is working on the estimated cost which we will provide to the VFW by December 1, 2026. They will make their 5K race donation in January 2027. They may remove the old stones. We will ask Scott McLaughlin if he wants the old slate stones for the Granite Museum. Dirty Rock submitted an estimate of $70,000 to clean the rest of Elmwood. Starr is still looking for a donor. She has found a 501 3C partner in the Barre Partnership should the donation go forward. There are also trees that need removal in Elmwood.

Cozzi Fountain Report
Heather reported that there has been no word from DeWolfe engineers about the fountain survey. She is hoping there will be something to report by November.

Motion: Move to suspend meetings after November 16, 2026 and adjourn until April 2027
Moved by: Starr Second by: Renie

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Round Table Discussion
Ilene has been looking for a suitable spot for Alcide Fantoni's Fountain. There are three possibilities:

a. In Section Woodside slightly behind Dr. Lewitan's family stone.
b. In Section A in front of a tall hedge in the middle of the section
c. The Granite Museum - Ilene did ask Scott McLaughlin about the stone. Scott would like to have a piece of Alcide's work for an exhibit.

The committee felt The Granite Museum was the best option for the relocation of the fountain.

Ilene also reported on the Hope Cemetery Tours for this summer. The Granite Museum organizes all the public bus tours now. Ilene is conducting museum and cemetery tours for the museum. There were 76 tours this season not including private tours. Over 4,000 guests, including visitors from overseas, enjoyed our cemetery this season.

The next meeting is November 16, 2026

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by: Helen Second by: Donna

Meeting adjourned at: 11:44 am

Respectfully submitted,
Ilene R. Gillander, Secretary

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