

**CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES
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Committee/board: Cemetery Committee

Date of meeting: April 18, 2022 **Location of meeting:** Alumni Hall, 2nd Floor

Board/committee members in attendance: Jeff Bergeron, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Mark Gheradi, Stephanie Quaranta, Heather Ritchie, Starr LeCompte, Ilene Gillander, Norena Zanleoni

Board/committee members absent: 2

Others in attendance:

Meeting called to order: 11:01 a.m.

Approval of minutes - November 22, 2021 meeting: Motion to approve by Starr LeCompte, second Ilene Gillander Motion carried.

Director's Report: Jeff Bergeron noted that YTD there have been 13 winter burials – 5 cremations and 8 full burials. There was one in the vault this winter. Burials and lot sales are up this year. There are 10 monuments and 2 benches set to be installed this spring. There were no monuments that required approval.

Old Business: The new entrance lights at Elmwood, Hope and St. Monica's have been well received. To date there has not been any complaints or concerns with the lights. Feedback indicated that the lights have stopped a lot of the cars that used to go into the cemetery at night.

New Business: Jeff has secured 3 individuals for mowing this summer but is struggling to find trimmers. Minimum age is 16.

Jeff will be sending a letter out to a number of lot owners who have been adding artificial items, toys, stuffed animals, etc. to their lot. The letter will include excerpts from the rulebook. There would be a specific period for them to remove the items. The committee asked to see a copy of the letter before it is sent out as the committee would be listed on the letter.

Hope Cemetery Fountain: No formal update on the fountain. Mark Gherardi said that he was confident there would be many granite firms willing to help out, however right now they are extremely busy. The committee will continue discussions on designs, funding, etc.

Old Business: None

Round Table: Ilene Gillander has already led a tour of Hope and there are 13 more already scheduled for this spring and summer.

Next meeting date: May 16, 2022.