

City of Barre

Public Body Meeting Minutes

Committee: Cemetery May 12, 2025

Location of Meeting: 2nd floor Alumni Hall

Committee Members in Attendance: Chairman Giuliano Cecchinelli, Heather Milne-Ritchie, Helen Long, Ilene Gillander, Mark Gherardi, Cemetery Director Tom Baker

Committee Members Absent: Renie Zanleoni

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

Minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Update of the Cozzi Endowment: Mark contacted Roman Fountains of Sarasota, Florida. We must develop ideas of our own before we present this to Roman Fountains. We have an area of 39' x 125' at the location by the flagpole. The artisans in the area should be encouraged to submit designs for a fountain. We need to make a planned view of the area with dimensions. The committee was charged with the task of coming to the June 9, 2025 meeting with ideas on how to disseminate the information.

Green Burials: Donna Holden submitted a letter requesting green burials at Hope Cemetery. Ms. Holden will be asked to attend the June 9, 2025 meeting to discuss this.

Gary Sassi's Monument: Gary brought a model of his monument to Hope Cemetery. Stakes were placed to show that it would not be an issue with the mowers. A discussion followed concerning specifications, rules and regulations for memorial work, specifically Rule #3 on page 11. The question was asked if this is a three crypt mausoleum. Will this placement set a precedent? Tom was requested to add this motion to the agenda of the City Council.

Motion: "Only one central or family memorial shall be allowed on a lot, and shall be set in space designated by the Cemetery Director, **unless an exception is granted by the City Council or the Cemetery Committee**".

Mover: Mark Gherardi Second: Heather Milne-Ritchie Result of vote: All approved

Cemetery Director's Report: Tom is looking for software to organize all cemetery information. Memorial Day flowers will be in this week. He will be fully staffed. Two new mowers are coming. Tom would like to have us talk about the other two city cemeteries also.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 9, 2025

Meeting was adjourned: 5:05 pm Mover: Mark Gherardi Second: Ilene Gillander

Respectfully submitted by Ilene Gillander