

City of Barre

Public Body Meeting Minutes

Committee: Cemetery

Date of the Meeting: July 21, 2025

Location of Meeting: 2nd Floor Alumni Hall

Committee Members in Attendance: Heather Milne-Ritchie, Renie Zanleoni, Mark Gherardi, Starr Parnigoni LeCompte, Helen Long, Ilene Gillander, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Director Tom Baker and Mayor Thom Lauzon

Members Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at: 3:32 pm

Minutes of the June 9, 2025 meeting were approved.

Mayor Lauzon opened the meeting by asking for nominations for officers for the new fiscal year.

Starr Parnigoni LeCompte was elected Chairperson. Mover: Ilene Gillander Second: Giuliano Cecchinelli Result of Vote: Unanimous vote in favor

Heather Milne-Ritchie was elected to be Vice-Chairperson. Mover: Mark Gherardi Second: Renie Zanleoni. Result of Vote: Unanimous vote in favor

Ilene Gillander was elected Clerk. Mover: Renie Zanleoni Second: Helen Long. Result of Vote: Unanimous vote in favor

Discussion of St. Monica's Cemetery: An unnamed person reset a stone. It could be a liability if the foundation is not fixed first. The Mayor suggested that Carol Dawes be invited to the August meeting to discuss the cemetery finances. The Mayor asked the Director to present the names on the fallen stones. Mark asked for the foundations to be assessed.

Discussion of Elmwood Cemetery: The Director was looking at the price of removing a dead Maple tree and a dead Pine tree from Treeworks. He was also considering raising the canopy of a big tree in the back by Lincoln School.

Discussion of Hope Cemetery: Each summer about 100 to 150 stones are cleaned. The person who cleans the stones is paid directly from The BGA and Polycor. Mark said he would contact Rob Belanger to see if Polycor will be contributing this year.

We discussed the path that Tour Buses should take in the cemetery. We decided that they should go in one direction and that they should NOT travel in the back in Sections A, B, C, D, E, and H as the roads are too narrow and the stones could be hit. Mark suggested that

Ilene Gillander, Scott McLaughlin and The Director should meet to discuss this. We also instructed The Director to make some green street signs to place around the cemetery directing the buses.

Old Business: Jeff Bergeron was asked to be the Point Person for the Cozzi Project. He has accepted. Ilene will officially invite him to attend our next Cemetery Meeting on August 18, 2025.

Director's Report: Director Baker has contacted S & D Landscaping to inquire about grub control. They suggested waiting until next spring to apply chemicals. They use slow release fertilizers that are bee friendly. Mark was concerned on how the chemicals would effect the granite stones and the cement foundations. The director was asked to check.

Director Baker reported that a Cemetery Software System has been purchased. People will be needed to enter all the information.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2025

Meeting was adjourned at: 4:45 pm Mover: Mark Gherardi Second: Helen Long

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene R. Gillander, Secretary