

City of Barre

Cemetery Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 14, 2025

Location of Meeting: 2nd floor, Alumni Hall

Committee Members in Attendance: Vice-Chairperson Heather Milne-Ritchie, Helen Long, Renie Zanleoni, Ilene Gillander, Mark Gherardi and Director of Facilities and Grounds Tom Baker

Committee Members Absent:

Guests in Attendance: Starr LeCompte

Meeting called to order at 3:32 pm.

Minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting were approved.

Giuliano tried to attend the meeting via Zoom

Discussion of the Cozzi Endowment:

Mark Gherardi reported that he had spoken to the owner of Grever and Ward who stated he was very familiar with Hope Cemetery. He immediately informed Mark that we should enlist the services of a reputable fountain company in Sarasota, Florida named, Roman Fountains. Mark circulated pictures of some of the impressive fountains that this company has created. Mark highly recommends that we should follow the advice of David Ward. Discussion followed. Mark agreed to contact the representative from Roman Fountains. The committee agreed to do some research on fountains and come to the next meeting with design ideas. We must develop a concept.

We also spoke about the need for a Project Manager to handle the day to day activities of building a big project. The committee agreed that it is too soon in the planning stage to consider this.

The committee needs clarification on how the money will be distributed.

Discussion followed concerning other uses for the funds such as: cleaning up the tree line and woods, contracted landscaping, areas that need paving, professional mowing, monument cleaning, and a turf program.

New Business:

Starr LeCompte will be rejoining the committee.

Ilene reminded the committee that MAY 15 is approaching and this is the date when all artificial flowers must be removed from the cemetery. She requested Tom to place a notice on the Barre City website and to ask David Delcore of the Time-Argus to include a news story about the approaching deadline and what belongings should be removed from the monuments.

Heather introduced the topic of Gary Sassi's new monument. He has requested placement of an additional monument by his parent's mausoleum. The matter was tabled until Heather can discuss this with Nicolas. Mark requested that we take the issue to the Council to seek legal advice.

Next scheduled meeting: May 12, 2025 at 3:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm .

Respectfully submitted,
Ilene R. Gillander