

## **City of Barre**

### **Public Body Meeting Minutes**

**Committee:** Cemeteries

**Date of Meeting:** November 3, 2025

**Location of Meeting:** In-Person   The Roosevelt Room   3rd Floor   Alumni Hall

**Committee Members In Attendance:** Chairperson Starr Parnigoni LeCompte, Helen Long, Mark Gherardi, Heather Milne-Ritchie, Director Tom Baker, Ilene Gillander, Donna Drayman-Pulice, Jeff Bergeron and Giuliano Cecchinelli

**Committee Members Absent:** Mayor Thomas Lauzon and Renie Zanleoni

**Guests in Attendance:** Michelle LaBarge-Burke

Meeting was called to order at: 3:30 pm

Minutes of the September 15, 2025 meeting were approved.

Mover: Helen

Second: Heather

#### **Initial Report on the Cemeteries Software:**

Michelle began her presentation by telling the group that this is a large undertaking and with this program, “what you put in, determines what you get out of it”. Heather reported that the Director of the Granite Museum has offered their space, their computers and their four interns for data entry. It is expected that they will be compensated for their work.

A thought provoking discussion followed. It was agreed that we should enter the most current information first and then work back in time. Michelle stated that the data is ours and we will always own it. She will arrange for a representative from the company to present a demonstration of the software to us.

#### **Director’s Report:**

Tom reported that the “No Bus” signs have been made, but he does not have the poles that they will be mounted on. They will be installed in the Spring. He also stated that the company he contacted about taking care of the grubs said that there is no Iron in any of the chemicals they will use. There are many more chemicals that do damage granite, so testing them on a piece of granite is required before work begins.

#### **Survey of Design Prizes for the Cozzi Fountain:**

It was agreed that the Cozzi Fountain will be made of Barre Gray granite. The conceptual design itself will be created locally by a Vermonter. A lively discussion followed on a wide

range of topics. Mark charged the committee to come to the next meeting with a list of possible candidates for the Fountain Selection Committee.

The next meeting will be held on **December 1, 2025**.

**Meeting was adjourned at:** 5:15 pm.

Mover: Mark

Second: Heather