

City of Barre
Public Body Meeting Minutes

Committee: Cemeteries

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2025

Location of Meeting: The Roosevelt Room 3rd floor Alumni Hall

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

Committee Members Absent: Giuliano Cecchinelli

Guests in Attendance: Carol Dawes and Jeff Bergeron

Meeting was called to order at: 3:26 pm

Minutes of the July 21, 2025 meeting were approved.

Mover: Renie Zanleoni Second: Helen Long

Cemetery Finance Report: Carol Dawes began with a short history of the finances of the Barre cemeteries. She presented the committee with a handout clearly describing the cemetery funds. All accounts including the General Fund, Flower Fund, Mausoleum Fund, St. Monica's Fund and the Italian Memorial Fund are held with Edward Jones. A discussion followed.

Cozzi Bequest Project: Starr began by introducing Jeff Bergeron as the "Point Person" on this project. She suggested the idea of having a "Working Group" who would assist Jeff on developing a design and plan for the Cozzi Fountain. Discussion followed as to the location of the fountain, the size of the fountain, the plan to accommodate cars, tour buses and pedestrians and the design of the fountain. The group came to a general agreement that Jeff should find an engineering firm to help us begin.

Motion: To organize a "Working Group", led by Jeff Bergeron, to prepare a design of the Cozzi Fountain. Mover: Ilene Gillander Second: Heather Approved

Director's Report: No report

Tour Bus Pathways in Hope Cemetery: Starr directed Tom Baker, Ilene Gillander and Scott McLaughlin to talk about the direction of buses in Hope Cemetery. Tall sign posts should be made and in place by the **next meeting on September 15, 2025**

Meeting was adjourned at: 5:02 pm Mover: Mark Second: Heather

Respectfully submitted,
Ilene Gillander, Secretary