

City of Barre

Public Body Meeting Minutes

Committee : Cemeteries

Date of Meeting: December 15, 2025

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

Committee Members in Attendance: Chairperson Starr Parnigoni LeCompte, Helen Long, Donna Drayman-Pulice, Jeff Bergeron, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Renie Zandleoni, Mark Gherardi, Ilene Gillander and Heather Milne-Ritchie

Committee Members Absent: Mayor Thomas Lauzon and Director Tom Baker

Meeting was called to order at: 3:30 pm

Minutes of the December 1, 2025 meeting were approved.

Moved: Helen

Second: Renie

St. Monica's Cemetery Money

Ilene reported that Father Patrick Forman, Pastor of St. Monica's Catholic Church, agreed to consolidate the \$5,400.00 left to the City by St. Monica's Parish into the General Fund for future use in the upkeep of St. Monica's Cemetery.

Stone Cleaning

Starr spoke about Matt Peake cleaning an additional 87 stones in Hope at the end of the season. Plans include extending stone cleaning to the other two cemeteries.

The Zandleoni Bench

Discussion followed on the possible relocation of the Zandleoni Bench which is on North Main Street. This bench honors the Zandleoni family ravioli shop.

The Cemetery Software System

Director Baker will present the proposed Cemsite budget to the City Council on Tuesday December 16, 2025. If accepted, Scott McLaughlin and six interns will begin the process of entering data immediately.

Future Meeting Schedule

Starr proposed that we suspend our meetings for the winter and resume our full schedule in the spring.

Motion: The Cemeteries Committee will suspend their meetings for three months and will resume regular meetings on Monday April 6, 2026.

Moved: Mark Second: Renie The motion passed

Cozzi Project Update

Jeff said the members of the Cozzi Fountain Project will be: Mark Gherardi, Ilene Gillander, Heather Milne-Ritchie and Giuliano Cecchinelli

Cozzi Fountain Design Competition

We agreed that the **LOCATION** for the Fountain will be on the 40'x 60' property where the flagpole exists now. We were advised by a reputable cemetery planner that the first thing we need is the fountain **DESIGN**. The final decision on the fountain design will be made by the City Council. We also agreed that the designers will be limited to **VERMONT RESIDENTS** and the fabrication of the fountain will be completed by a **BARRE GRANITE ASSOCIATION MANUFACTURER**. This is a community effort.

The Cozzi Fountain Sub-Committee has been charged with coming back on the April 6, 2026 meeting with solid plans to move forward.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved: Renie Second: Helen Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:43 pm

The next meeting will be held on: **Monday April 6, 2026**

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene R. Gillander, Secretary