

Sugar Hill Cemetery Trustees Meeting – June 12, 2025
5:00pm at The Crapo Building

Present: Leo Dickinson, Kathy Jablonski, Lynn Kenerson, Larry Sawyer, Lynne Warren
Also present: Peter Carbonneau, Sexton

Regular Business Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Kathy Jablonski, Chair

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Sawyer, Warren) to approve the minutes from May 8, 2025 as presented.

VOTE: All in favor.

Sexton's Report

- Streeter District fence: Installation went smoothly, although it was a challenge to get past the large stump. The latch for the gate will be installed by the contractor no later than November.
- Hannah area close to the road: The conservation mix grass seed that was planted 2 years ago hasn't really taken hold. More loam would be helpful.
- Streeter District / Hannah signs: The committee discussed options for new signage – undecided. Peter will hang the old signs on the fence temporarily until a decision is made.
- Paving: No update on pricing/timing.
- Gravel road regrading: John Peckett will start work on that tomorrow.
- Monument cleaning: ±150 stones were cleaned, about from the spigot across the tier to the iron fence. The committee discussed the pros (looks/readability) and cons (wear/damage) of cleaning stones. D2 solution is less caustic than the pressure washing/ bleach solution but is more labor intensive.

MOTION: (Sawyer, Dickinson) to contact Gravestone Services of New England LLC to get their opinion on the cleaning and repair of our gravestones.

VOTE: All in favor.

- Mark Galloway: Peter's assistant has been working 8 hours/week and has been a huge help.
- Lot sales/burials: The question came up whether a lot can hold both casket and cremains burials. Our regs say that once a cremains burial takes place, no casket burial can occur. We need to review the origin of that regulation and continue the discussion next month.
- LIDAR mapping: Bob Perry found 5 anomalies that indicate likely burials and marked them with metal disks. The trustees would like to replace the metal disks with stone markers. Peter will report back with pricing for larger bricks, and in the meantime will place 5 corner stones in place of the disks. No buried headstones were observed. The trustees discussed the implications of the results, specifically whether to designate the Streeter District a historic cemetery and close lot sales there. Kathy will write a letter to Pat Aldrich who recently purchased a lot in SD and ask whether she would consider moving to LH.

MOTION: (Sawyer, Kenerson) to designate the Streeter District Cemetery as a historic cemetery and close it to future sales.

VOTE: All in favor.

Old Business

- Memorial Day Service: The Honor Guard gathered at the Finnerty grave for the service. There was a nice turn out. Lynn will send a thank you note to the VFW.
- Broken stone inventory: Larry will gather a list of damaged monuments.
- Budget: \$400 discrepancy is likely the cost of electricity for the shed. Kathy will follow up with Jennifer.
- Trackside credit: The other town departments will be given the opportunity to draw the credit down.
- Drone policy: The updated Rules & Regs have been distributed and brochures updated/distributed.
- Green burials: We are dropping this from our agenda for the time being due to lack of interest.

New Business

- Hannah cemetery: Lynn drafted a revised map with lots that conform to our standard 16'x16' size.
MOTION: (Sawyer, Dickinson) to accept the draft Hannah map as presented.
VOTE: All in favor.
- Lot sale/burial data: Lynn has updated the roster of sold lots and will work on burials next. The committee would like to have regular updates of burials & lot sales, to get a sense of how much activity occurs on a monthly basis.
- Ideas for 2026 – Peter relayed comments from visitors who mention that the addition at Sunnyside feels a little stark. At this time the committee does not feel the need to plant trees there, since they are likely to cause problems over time.

Next Meeting: **The next meeting is August 14, 2025** at 5:00pm at the Crapo Building.

NOTE there will be no meeting in July.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Kenerson, Secretary