

Sugar Hill Cemetery Trustees Meeting – August 14, 2025
5:00pm at The Crapo Building

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

Regular Business Meeting called to order at 5:10pm by Kathy Jablonski, Chair

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Sawyer, Kenerson) to approve the minutes from June 12, 2025 as presented.

VOTE: All in favor.

Sexton's Report

- Budget: John Hanks has yet to invoice us for the “Unknown” engraving.
- Streeter District / Hannah signs: Foto Factory did several mock-ups of possible signs. The committee agreed that new signs similar to the existing ones will be made in-house over the winter.
- Paving: will take place Wednesday, August 20.
- Gravel road regrading: John Peckett regraded the roads, they're in good shape. He recommends a fresh coat of ledgepack on the older roads. The SD/Hannah access road could be refurbished also.
- Five Streeter District “Unknown” stones have been installed. The town newsletter included a mention.
- Birch clumps at Sunnyside: one doing well, one is struggling. Peter has trimmed it and will continue to monitor it.
- Peter invites us to consider meeting at the cemetery at some point if that would be helpful.
- There was an illegal burial at Hannah. John Hanks set a stone in anticipation of a cremation burial, but the family backed out of working with the sexton due to differences of opinion within the family. After a family gathering at the site, cremains were found scattered on the gravesite. Kathy will send a letter of reprimand to the individual who was working with Peter.
- Having a helper has lightened Peter's load, and he hopes to increase the hours next year.

Old Business

- Due to historic designation of Streeter, the committee has offered Ms. Aldrich the opportunity to move her new lot to the Hannah cemetery instead. We await her reply.
- Broken stone inventory: Larry and Peter identified 7 broken stones and created a list with the specifics. They met with Kai from Gravestone Services of New England LLC who was working in the area. He'll be in Benton in Spring 2026 and could repair our stones in a day with epoxy. Larry invited him to send a proposal for the repair work, which we could include in the 2026 budget. A discussion with him about cleaning revealed a new citrus-based product that's very effective. The trustees are willing to give it a try when we run out of the product we have.
- Rule regarding casket and cremains in one lot: The committee discussed the origin of our rule and will revisit this at the next meeting.
- Budget: \$400 discrepancy has been resolved. The shed electricity is included in town electricity costs and we are on track with our \$12,500 approved budget.
- Trackside credit: still available.

New Business

- Non-resident requests to purchase a lot:
 - Kathy received a letter from a descendent of SH residents who is interested in purchasing a lot. She will forward more information to the committee via email at a later date.
 - A descendant of the Whipple family has written a letter requesting to purchase a lot. She is also a landowner here and eligible without special permission.
- Lot sale/burial data:
 - 3 lots have been sold this year to date: N5, N7, and M34 (all Sunnyside new section).
- Inventory of private burial sites: tabled for now.
- Burial mapping within lots: Lynn will obtain index cards and a box to keep them in, which Peter will keep in the shed to note location of burials.
- Projects for 2026:
 - Ledgepack for the older roads at Sunnyside

Next Meeting: **The next meeting is September 11, 2025** at 5:00pm at the Crapo Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Kenerson, Secretary