

## **Stowe Cemetery Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

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A meeting of the Stowe Cemetery Commission was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 via Zoom hybrid starting at 9 am. Members present: Donna Adams, Judy Smith, Nancy LaVanway, Gail Kaiser, Christine Kaiser, Janet Godin, Claire “Skeeter” Austin

### **Minutes. Correspondence, Work Orders**

Minutes of May 15, 2025 were approved with minor changes on a motion by Janet, seconded by Christine.

#### **Work Orders**

Joan Katz – on a motion by Janet, seconded by Gail, the Work Order was approved with conditions

Sam & Mary Harvey - on a motion by Judy, seconded by Gail, the Work Order was approved.

Ali Mahra – On a motion by Janet, seconded by Judy, the Work Order was approved as presented.

### **Santos Discussion**

After Donna’s review of the information provided, she indicated that the Commission needed to provide a decision on whether a burial of the cremated remains in an inverted urn would be allowed.

On a motion by Janet, seconded by Gail, the Commission approved the request for the Town to prepare the site and allow the family to place the cremated remains as requested.

There was no further discussion.

### **Election of Officers**

Treasurer – Claire “Skeeter” Austin

Vice Chair – Judy Smith

Chair – Donna Adams

The slate of officers was approved unanimously on a motion by Janet, seconded by Gail.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

On a motion by Judy, seconded by Nancy, the Commission approved the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

## **Memorial Garden**

The Commission continued their discussion of ideas for the Memorial Garden and other items that they felt needed attention in the cemetery. Donna mentioned that David has a lack of staff which will make it difficult for him to schedule items to get accomplished.

As a result of the discussion, Donna will ask David about the following items:

- using push mowers instead of heavy mowers in the Memorial Garden area,;
- maintain the steps near the road to keep them visible
- pruning existing shrubs

Also, Donna and Janet will contact landscaping companies/stone masons to see if they would be interested in meeting with the Commission for advice on repairing/replacing the cemetery wall etc

In addition, Donna asked that all commission members take a look at columbarium descriptions online for future discussion.

## **Outstanding contracts fall/summer**

Donna reviewed the contracts. As part of the conversation, she noted that Jeff had pointed out that some of the newer stones were painted and others are etched and this might be something that the Commission should think about in the future when reviewing style specifications.

## **Burial Eligibility**

Assistant Town Manger Will Fricke handed out an email which he received asking for clarification on the eligibility for burial and asked the Commission for their interpretation of the highlighted Rules and Regulations pertaining to this. The email indicated that the person was a second homeowner for approximately 8 years. Donna clarified that if the person was a taxpayer for 5 or more years or if they lived in Stowe for 10+years they would be permitted to purchase a burial lot.

Will thanked the Commission for their time.

There being no further business to discuss, Donna adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held at 9 am on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Moeck.