

Stowe Cemetery Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

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A meeting of the Stowe Cemetery Commission was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 via Zoom hybrid starting at 9 am . Members present: Claire “Skeeter” Austin, Judy Smith, Gail Kaiser, Christine Kaiser, Janet Godin, PW Director Harry Shepard

Minutes

Minutes of the July 15, 2025 meeting were approved with minor changes made on a motion by Janet, seconded by Nancy.

Bridge/Cemetery Road Update

PW Director Harry Shepard provided an update for the Cemetery Road bridge work. Contractors will begin work after foliage season. There will be a new elevation to the bridge making a change in profile.

Superintendents Report

Judy reported that David is obtaining quotes for the vault door replacement. He is also working on a time study and will advocate for another full time employee and will present this to the Town Manager and Selectboard. David has also signed the Heritage contract.

Work Orders

John Reed – On a motion by Gail, seconded by Janet, the work order was approved as presented.

Elizabeth Jurovich – On a motion by Gail, seconded by Christine, the work order was approved as presented.

Doris Klein - On a motion by Skeeter, seconded by Gail, the work order was approved as presented.

Jerome Meyer - On a motion by Gail, seconded by Christine, the work order was approved with a condition that the spouse’s name was provided.

Gail Kaiser - On a motion by Christine, seconded by Skeeter, the work order was approved as presented.

The Commission discussed the process for the cleaning of stones and the procedure that is followed. Judy will follow up.

Treasurer's Report

Skeeter reported that there is now an additional \$1500 expense added to the budget for the year for the annual maintenance of the new cemetery software. She described how the new software program would work and the steps that will be taken for the startup which is scheduled to begin in September. For the month, there was a little income from burials and interest income on the money market account. On a motion by Janet, seconded by Christine, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Memorial Wall Discussion

Janet has met with John of Pyramid Stone Works who will be providing three options for either the replacement of the entire wall or for repairs for certain pieces of the project. He indicated that the cost for the entire replacement could be in the amount of \$60,000-\$70,000. The Commission discussed payment possibilities and Skeeter noted that this may be considered a future capital project.

There being no further business to conduct, Judy adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 2025. Minutes respectively submitted by Susan Moeck.