

Minutes – Cemetery Commission Meeting

Wednesday May 14, 2025 In attendance: Kathy, Johnston, Neil Humphrey & Avis Hayden

Also in attendance: Bill Budde, town historian

Topics discussed:

1. Work order from Cassan Landscaping for 2025 was signed.
2. Commissioners signed invoices, including the invoice from Bille Budde, for ARPA (special fund) to map and record headstones at Lawrence Cemetery.
3. Commissioners will draft a letter to members of the Garneau family to seek permission to maintain the Ed Garneau headstone once a year in May.
4. Commissioners will apply to Vermont Old Cemetery Association for a matching fund grant for repair of Lawrence stones. Avis will contact Mark Barber for estimates of headstone repair.
5. Small burial plot at Kelley Stand likely has 4-6 children in it. Given water levels at present it won't be possible to visit until fall. Commissioners agreed that given difficult access we will not pursue the volunteer status with the Green Mountain National Forest.
6. Commissioners approved the posting of three signs at Ira Allen Cemetery – dogs not allowed.
7. Commissioners will get estimate to repair broken headstone at Ira Allen Cemetery.
8. Since there is no longer a trash barrel at Ira Allen Cemetery, Commissioners have noticed an excess of trash left at / near the old barrel site. Will post a sign – no trash.
9. There are at least two holes in the fence along the rear perimeter at Ira Allen Cemetery. Commissioners will contact someone for estimate on repair.
10. Commissioners would like to add the Ira Allen Cemetery to Sunderland's Green Up Day activities for 2026. Will contact Green Up Day Coordinator to see if this is possible. For this year Commissioners will walk the cemetery with trash bags and remove debris.

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Avis Hayden