

Londonderry Cemetery Commission

DRAFT Minutes for August 20th, 2025

Chair Gary Barton calls meeting to order 5:02 PM.

In attendance: Gary Barton, Chris Blackey, Maureen Cronin, Andie Fusco, Laurie Krooss Mullen

Guests: Bill Hoyt from the Weston Cemetery Commission; Duane and Melissa Hart

Addition to the agenda: Sentry Mapping presentation (about ground penetrating radar and mapping of cemeteries). Presentation began at 5:03 PM. Benton Smith, owner, gives us a presentation via computer and then Andie begin the questions:

1. How are burials added to the digital maps? They can update (\$40/hour), or we can have access to full editing \$60 /month base price...12-24 burials/year about \$1,200 annually (that is full editing capabilities).
2. How many cemeteries have they mapped? (hundreds, he was not sure that they had mapped any in Vermont). How to deal with lay of the land obstacles (rocks, etc.)?
Answer: drones are used.
3. Link on Town website? Yes. Monthly fee? No.
4. Can Lowell Lake be mapped? *Maybe*...the machine they use is like using a push lawnmower.
5. What happens if the company ceases to exist? They use something called ARCGIS so we could access our information through that platform.

Discussion ensued.

Quote is \$34,000 for all 7 cemeteries.

Discussion is to have Brooks, Collins, Middletown and Lowell Lake (if he can) mapped. That quote is \$6,400.

Andie to follow up and ask to speak to three cemeteries who have used this company.

Laurie makes a motion to hire Sentry mapping to map Brooks, Collins, Middletown and Lowell Lake (again, if he can). The vote is dependent on the feedback Andie will gather and share via email.

Minutes of last meeting – Maureen makes a motion to accept the minutes. Andie seconded. Motion Passed.

Bills/invoices – Headstone from J. Brown is ready, paid for? Gary to check.

Announcements / correspondence – Duane said that T. Slade stone may be provided by the family, lettering to be paid for by the Commission. Laurie makes a motion that we pay for lettering on a stone for Terry Slade, Chris seconds. Passed. (Past practice is that a grave with no stone is three years and then the Commission investigates a stone, this may be a VT statute. Maureen to investigate).

Visitors and concerned citizens – None.

Maintenance of cemeteries – Gary will check with state regarding taking the pine trees down along the edge of Riverside and Route 11.

Update from Duane on status of shed work at Riverside.

Duane reports on a stone that the Cemetery Commission had purchased, after 7 years the family did purchase a stone, so the one that the Commission purchased is now a footstone.

Duane repaired a stone at Lowell Lake, needs to be repaired again.

Duane reports that the cemeteries do not have a 911 address. Chris Blackey to investigate.

Sale of cemetery plots – Grout plot? There is confusion as to whether or the Grout deed has been given to the family, paid for? Maureen to investigate.

Old business – Maureen presents her ideas for Cemetery Commission information for the town website. Maureen will inquire about legality of putting names of deceased people on a town website.

Update on the stone wall construction at Middletown.

Discussion about worker's comp: Duane and Melissa to discuss continuing to carry it from themselves (not a legal requirement in VT as sole proprietors , they DO carry it on their employees), if they do NOT want to carry it anymore they will be in touch with Laurie, who will investigate adding an addendum to their contract negating that requirement.

New business – Andie asks about joining VOCA (Vermont Old Cemeteries Association). Everyone thinks it's a good idea. Andie makes a motion to join, Maureen seconded. \$82 for 5 years. Motion passed.

Jan Gisholt has passed away, hoping for a burial on Saturday, October 25th. The family will be in touch with Duane

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 17th at 5:00 PM

Adjournment: 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Krooss Mullen