

Londonderry Cemetery Commission

DRAFT minutes for May 13, 2026

Gary Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the parking lot of the Town Offices.

In attendance: Gary Barton, Co-chair, Chris Blackey, Maureen Cronin, Laurie Krooss Mullen.

Not attending: Andie Fusco, co-chair

Guests: Duane and Melissa Hart

NOTE: meeting could not be recorded due to the rain and the travelling nature of the meeting.

Additions or deletions to the agenda:

Minutes of the last meeting will be considered at the June meeting (since we are standing in the rain). New business will be considered first.

New business:

Maureen moved that we hire Bev Foster to assist with adding information to the database. She moves that we pay Bev \$15/hour. Maureen will supervise. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about whether to sell lots in the cemeteries in a row. (Lots should not be sold in the center part of Riverside at this time.)

Next year two new signs will be needed, Brooks and ?

Minutes of last meeting:

to be reviewed at our June meeting.

Bills/invoices:

Flags have been ordered and arrived. Tina to pay the bill. The bill for the cost of the 911 numbers on the Cemetery signposts will be forthcoming once that project has been completed.

Announcements / correspondence: none

Visitors and concerned citizens: none

Maintenance of cemeteries: This comprised the bulk of our meeting as this is our annual Spring walk/drive around.

Glebeview – tree fell on fence on chain link on northern side of cemetery. Duane thinks he can repair it if he can get the cross bars from Springfield fence. If not, Springfield Fence will be hired (if we can get them!) Tree is off the fence. Tree needs to be removed from the cemetery. No broken or fallen head stones. A few sink holes that need to be filled in.

Collins – a request will be made to two families to move stones that are currently headstones to become 'footers' so that the rows in the cemetery are clear and so that the stones are not too close to the stone wall.

Middletown – motion made and approved to have Luke Griswold rebuild stone wall along southern edge of the cemetery and approximately 75 feet of the wall on the western edge. Passed unanimously. Maureen to investigate the following: Cornerstones of the letter 'M' in the southwestern corner of the cemetery; and also, to investigate the remaining number of plots for two families, 'J' and 'S'. Duane to bring in some topsoil and seed area near entrance.

Brooks – looks good. Laurie to investigate if it is possible to get GAR grave markers.

Riverside – motion made to have Duane replace split rail fence along top-soilr. Motion passed unanimously. Much discussion about a three-grave plot (with two burials) that has no recorded deed. Duane to call possible purchaser of the plot. Maureen to investigate deeds from the year 1990. Decision to wait another year before addressing big pine on Junker/Bailey property that borders the cemetery property. Duane had previously fixed a stone that was down when we was mowing.

Resthaven – 4 stones were down over the winter; Duane has fixed them. Maureen will give Duane a list of the veterans in Resthaven as some grave markers have gone missing. Laurie to send Maureen the wording that goes into the papers in the spring and fall re: veteran's graves so that Maureen can add that to the database/website.

Lowell Lake – log has fallen over the path. Duane will move. Cemetery looks good. Sign at bottom of path held up really well over the winter.

Sale of cemetery plots:

5 lots have been sold in Glebeview. Andie sold 4 and Maureen sold 1.

Old business:

Discussion regarding how to mark the unmarked graves that are currently marked with flags (thanks to work done last year).

Previously the thought was to mark each grave with the words "In Memoriam". It turns out there are 77 unmarked graves that were identified (6 in the old part of Collins, 53 in Middletown and 18 in Brooks).

New discussion is to place ONE marker at the cemeteries where we know/suspect there are unmarked graves as opposed to marking each grave. This single marker could possibly be larger and/or raised and could be near the entrance to each cemetery. We will revisit this at our June meeting. Specifically, to discuss wording, placement, size and whether to get 5 or 7 of these.

Adjournment was at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Krooss Mullen