

Minutes of Cemetery Commission meeting July 8, 2025

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

Present: Peter Freisem (Chair), Jack Harrison

New Business

Minutes of JUNE 3, 2025 meeting were approved.

PF reported that Commission member, Steve Jackson's 2 year term was coming to an end but that he would renew.

Ongoing Business

MARCIA LEWIS BURIAL LOT DEED: JH submitted filled-out Lot Deed for Marcia Lewis with the **Lot# 1-5-6** and GPS coordinates as **72.701W 42.478N**. JH queried whether we needed sign it or something to make it official or if that wasn't necessary because it was recording a transaction that had taken place years ago (2011). PF said he would look into it with the Town Manager. PF also said he would deliver deed to Marcia Lewis at the appropriate time.

PF raised the question of whether the original sale of Marcia Lewis lot would be in Selectboard records. JH asked where they were kept and speculated that sometime in July 2011 would be a good time to look for the transaction.

PF & JH discussed reaching out to Board of Health about our initiative to include Green Burials in South Part. Both agreed that it made sense to apprise them of our plans and hopefully get them on board by demonstrating our care & thought in terms of water issues and the environment. JH presented his draft of an email to BOH inquiring about getting us on the agenda at some future meeting where we can present our plans in more detail. Both agreed to send that email to the Board of Health

JH suggested that preparation for BOH meeting should include a presentation showing how we had carefully taken into account state guidelines about water quality and followed best practices recommended by responsible Green Burial organizations. If we show point by point how we are being careful that BOH should have not objection to us making South Part a "hybrid" cemetery for traditional burials, green burials, and cremains burials.

JH said he has started writing a presentation text to be considered by us at a future meeting. JH said it would be helpful if we could nail down actual distance to abutters' wells.

Next Commission meeting was agreed for Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 7pm
Members voted to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm.