

Minutes of Cemetery Commission meeting August 5, 2025

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

Present: Peter Freisem (Chair), Jack Harrison

New Business

Minutes of JULY 8, 2025 meeting were approved.

Ongoing Business

MARCIA LEWIS BURIAL LOT DEED: PF obtained Deed signed by the Selectboard and passed it on to JH to give to Marcia Lewis.

MEETING WITH BOARD OF HEALTH: JH had written an email inquiring about a meeting and Laurie Lucier responded with several dates as options. The cemetery agreed that 8/25 seemed like the best option and JH said he would write to Town Clerk (Laurie) again and see if that meeting could be arranged and at what time. SJ said that he would not be able to attend that date but two members of commission should be sufficient.

JH reiterated his thought from last meeting that we should prepare a presentation showing how we planned to be careful about how we introduced Green Burials, especially as regards about water quality setbacks from home wells. He asked SJ if he could provide a marked-up Google maps doc showing how far South Part was likely to be from wells. Likewise that we would not permit burials due to viral hemorrhagic fevers (VHFs), or Prion based diseases (such as Mad Cow). If we demonstrate point by point how we are being careful, then BOH should not object 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.

CEMETERY MAPPING: SJ reported that he had finally heard back from someone about the ESRI software license and that the town's current license for this software had expired. It would cost about \$700 a year to get a license. SJ floated another idea, which was to merge our graveyard map/data with an available county-wide property viewer map. We would just need town permission to do so. SJ also mentioned that maybe FRCOG could host the ESRI Cemetery Solution that displays our cemetery maps and no one in town would have to deal with the software maintenance or repurchase an ESRI license.

Next Commission meeting was agreed for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7pm
Members voted to adjourn meeting at 7:47 pm.