

**MINUTES OF THE NORWICH CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**February 12, 2024**

Members Present: Dan Goulet, Wilbert "Scooter" Hardy, Emily Myers, Bonnie Munday, and guests Fred Smith, Judy Trussell and Alice Werbel.

1.) The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm in the Norwich Congregational Church Parlor room.

2.) Public Comments: Alice Warbel informed the commission she was attending to hear more about Green burials.

3.) Green/Natural Burials: The Commission would like to make a section of Hill Side Cemetery available to Norwich town residence for green or natural burials. The commission will be meeting with the Vice President for the Vermont Funeral Director's Association, Tom Harty, to get his guidance on how to proceed. The Commission will also be reaching out to other identified experts to learn more and will continue to move forward with this requested burial option.

4.) Cemetery Plot Prices: With the increase cost of mowing and maintaining the cemeteries as well as the increased cost of corner stones, the commission voted unanimously to increase the cemetery plot prices for both residence and non-residence access the board. The new prices are as follow and will be posted to the town website's Cemetery Commission's page.

Cemetery Plot Prices:

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-resident</b>	<b>Corner Markers</b>
<b>Single (Traditional)</b>	\$500	\$2500	\$220
<b>Single (Natural burial)</b>	\$500	N/A	\$220
<b>Double</b>	\$700	\$3500	\$220
<b>Cremation</b>	\$400	\$2000	\$220

4.) Cemetery Rules and Regulations/Bylaws: The Commission review these draft documents, and made more updates/corrections. These documents will be finalized and published once the commission has a clear way ahead on green/natural burials.

5.) Other business: The Commission decided against requesting more town funding for the 2024/25 budget. Instead, the commission will coordinate with the mowing company this spring for a more regulated mowing schedule to reduce costs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily P. Myers, Cemetery Commission member