

Minutes of the Norwich Cemetery Commission

Date: November 5, 2025

Members Present: Dan Goulet, Alix Manny, Bonnie Munday, Emily Myers, Ellen Terie

Guest Present: Scooter Hardy

Recording Access: The Zoom recording of the meeting can be accessed at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/>

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 9:38 AM in the Norwich Congregational Church Parish Hall.

2. Rules, and Regulations Draft Review

The Commission reviewed the Rules and Regulations. There was a question about the Tigertown cemetery. Munday will get clarification. Once clarified, and final edits are made members will review it one more time at home before finalizing it at the next meeting.

3. Other Business

- The Commission is drafting new rules for a new sign that will be placed at Hillside Cemetery. The Commission hopes the sign will be made and placed before opening next Spring.

- Scooter Hardy came to the meeting to bring up the trees around New Boston Road that are in danger of falling. There are several along the town road, that are leaning toward the cemetery. These trees are the town's responsibility. Manny reached out to the town's Tree Warden, but an agreed meeting time was never reached. The Commission will send a letter and pictures to the Select Board to make sure they are aware of the risk of these dead trees to drivers on Norford Lake Rd and to the headstones in the cemetery. Also, there are two dead maple trees on Cemetery property that need to be removed before they damage headstones. Hardy was able to show these trees to two companies, and has received a bid from one company and is waiting on the other. Myers will reach out to John's Quality Tree Removal to get one more quote.
- Neighbors of the Meeting House Cemetery noticed trees that look like they should be cut down before they fall. The Commission discovered some of the trees are on cemetery property (but not at risk of falling on headstones) and the other trees are not on cemetery property (possibly at risk of falling on electrical wires). The Commission will reach out to GMP to see if there is a solution to cutting these 'at risk' trees before they fall.
- Tree removal at Union Village Cemetery. The Commission continues to wait for the contractor (with specialized equipment) to be available to remove two trees that could cause damage to headstones.
- The Commission decided several years ago to turn off the water at Hillside Cemetery due to an undetermined, extensive leak. Last week, after removing the broken chain-link fence in the lower portion of Hillside, the old water hose was exposed, showing multiple breaks. The Commission voted unanimously to ultimately disconnect the water meter, saving over \$360 a year in connection

fees. Goulet will reach out to the Town Water Department to have Hillside Cemetery's Water meter disconnected.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting is undetermined at this point but will be posted on the town website and bulletin boards.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily P. Myers

Cemetery Commission Member