

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

The Norwich Cemetery Commissioners met on Thursday, July 09, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor at the Norwich Congregational Church.

Commission members present: Bob Bristol, Alix Manny, Bob Pitiger, Ellen Terie Absent: Dan Gaudet

1. 9:20 Motion to accept Agenda approved
2. Update from Bob P r.e. finances.
3. Webster and Donovan can take down the Fairview Cemetery shed. Motion to use them approved. Rich Landry removed all the inventory from the Hillside Storage building. There were three riding mowers we'll try to get running and see if they can be sold.
4. The new cemetery signs have been made and are ready to be mounted and installed.
5. The water main status remains the same. The town and Webster and Donovan will coordinate when they can.
6. Alix gave an update on various questions regarding the purchase of new plots in both Hillside and Union Village as well as inquiries about burials in existing plots. Alix continues to get educated r.e. burials and plot purchases. Long term goal to have FAQ available with answers to the most common questions we receive. We also need to find someone to update the Hillside and Union Village maps. Bob B and Ellen will follow up with some leads.
7. John Pelky has submitted a bid for removing the four trees and brush that need to come down along the outside of the Union Village Cemetery fence. We're waiting on a bid from Arborscape. Arborscape never responded. Motion to use John Pelky approved. The property owner along the back of the fence has given approval, Ellen will reach out to the other two abutters to seek their approval as well, then she will be in touch with John and ask him to move forward.
8. Rich Landry submitted a proposal for repairing headstones at Union Village. To repair all the headstones would be over \$10,000, a motion was put forth to give Rich the go ahead for up to \$5,000 worth of repairs for now and revisit the rest next year. Motion approved.
9. Discussion about whether we should plant some trees in Hillside Cemetery. This discussion will be on-going as we do research about the kinds of trees that would be most appropriate r.e. the root systems, etc.
10. Motion to adjourn 9:56 approved.

Next meeting on August 20 at 9:00 a.m. at the Congregational Church.