



Town of Waterford
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
03/24/2026, 6:00pm
Davies Library

In Attendance: Deb Benoit, Gary Allard, Lyn Fleming, Mark Harpin, Ashley Whitehill

Deb Benoit called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Modifications to Agenda

- No modifications were made

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Gary Allard moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting. Ashley Whitehill seconded the motion. Motion passed by acclamation of members present.

Fencing

- Fencing installation at Hill Cemetery will be scheduled for mid-June. More details coming in May. The price did not change.
- The AARPA money will be used first. It must be spent by Dec 31, 2026.

Babcock Bridge

- The bridge was moved and damaged from a flood. It is unclear if it is salvageable.
- Gary Allard volunteered to try to find someone who could take a look at the bridge and see what can be done.
- Deb Benoit volunteered to contact Logan, the town's contact at the Agency of Natural Resources, to ensure laws regarding the brook are followed.

Sophomore Stewardship

- Their presentation was chosen by three advisories. Each advisory has about 12 kids and one teacher. They will present a morning session and an afternoon session on Sophomore Stewardship Day.
- Sophomore Stewardship Day is on May 1.

- Deb Ball from DAR confirmed she will return to help, and potentially bring others from DAR with her. She requested a meeting to discuss logistics.

Installation of Light

- The light for the flag pole was purchased last fall. It has not been installed yet.
- Mark Harpin reminded the group that the rope needs to be replaced in addition to the installation of the light.
- Gary Allard volunteered to try to find someone with a tall enough ladder that could help.

Surveying- Next Step

- They have the map from Nate's survey. Deciding the placement of the road is the next step before the four corner markers can be used for designing rows.
- Deb Benoit brought out the surveying map from Nate. The group discussed various possible placements for the road.
- Deb offered to ask Nate to create a design for the road. The design will then be used to get cost estimates.
- Gary Allard asked about the state of the fallen gravestones- how many are there and where are they? West Waterford, Lower Waterford, and Styles Cemetery have gravestones that need to be erected.
- They will ask Deb Ball for information about how to fund the project of re-erecting fallen stones.
- Gary will contact the Legion about the flags needed for Memorial Day.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting May 12 6pm

- Mowing Bids
- Memorial Day- Flags
- Update Pricing
- Signs Install
- Elect Chair

Adjourn

- Mark Harpin moved to adjourn, seconded by Lyn Fleming, approved by acclamation of members present. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.