

City of Barre

Public Body Meeting Minutes

Committee: Cemetery and Parks

Date of meeting: September 19, 2022

Location of Meeting: Alumni Hall, 2nd Floor

Committee Members in attendance: Chair Guiliano Cecchinelli, Director Bergeron, Assistant Director Stephanie Quaranta, Ilene Gillander, Starr LeCompte, Mark Gherardi, Helen Long, Heather Ritchie

Committee Members absent: Renie Zanleoni,

Others in attendance: none

Meeting Called to Order: 11:03 am.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes submitted of the last meeting.

Director's Report to Committee:

Director reported that this year there had been twice as many cremations as burials.

October 31st is the last day for burial at summer rates.

Director is intending to stop offering tent use next year. Funeral homes offer same service.

Director had recently attended a meeting for the Route 14 /Merchant Street intersection upgrade being made by VAOT. Preliminary meetings have begun. Work will be going out to bid soon with an expectation of a November 1st start date.

Location for staging is still being determined.

No monument approvals this month.

Certified letters were sent out last week to the 5 worst offenders of the cemetery rules. After receipt confirmation allowing 5 days for action; cemetery staff will begin removal.

Old Business:

The Chair revisited the discussion of the columbarium design. Committee continues to collect information for future action.

New Business

Both the Director and Chair believe that it would be worthwhile to revisit the “Rules and Regulations” last revised in 2015. Both feel that this would be something that the Committee could work on at its winter meetings when things are very quiet in the cemeteries. Schedule will be discussed at the October meeting.

Private citizens have approached Director Bergeron about a willingness to donate money to rehabilitate Elmwood Cemetery. Director will be determining what stones need to be repaired.

Chairman discussed revised Mission Statement. This will be warned for the October meeting and public discussion.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Next scheduled meeting: October 17, 2022

Respectfully Submitted;

Starr Parnigoni LeCompte