

MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
17 JULY 2024  
6:30PM

Taylor Van Brocklin Building  
Richmond, NH  
03470

**Present:**

Jerry Merrifield Chairman (Jme)  
Jerry Mills Treasurer (Jmi)  
John Lewis Secretary (Jl)  
Robert Gow (Rg)  
Rebecca Lesczinski (Rl)

**Guests**

Ms. Wendy O'Brien Town Librarian

**Call to Order**

6:45 pm

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 18 June 2024 were reviewed, modified and accepted.  
JMi/JMc

**Treasurers Report:**

Jmi reported on RCC Checking Account held at TD Bank.  
Present RCC balance is \$3,967.91

**Sexton**

Rg presents various invoices for payment \$160. 49 Jl/Jmi accepted  
Jme presents invoices \$71.68 \$ 16.99 Jl/Jmi accepted  
\$500 paid to Town of Richmond for Excavation of Graves.

**Old Business**

No record of birth or death of Franklin Brewer who died in 1974 though transfer certificate is not available.  
Franklin is likely buried in Middletown Cemetery beside his ex wife.  
Gravel has been delivered to South Cemetery from Bill Daniels been spread and leveled several times.  
Richmond Fire Chief promises water for Cemeteries, though yet awaiting delivery.  
Town Selectmen will be contacted to facilitate water delivery to cemeteries  
A letter from Town Selectment to be written to funeral company which employed Doody in pursuit of the  
\$300 fine levied by the RCC for the repair of damage during vault delivery.

A fascinating historical note: Jerry Merrifield had in his files a report from the 1960s  
of the robbery of the grave of Aaron Ballou in Benson Cemetery.  
John Lewis noted that at Christmas 2023, he, his sister-in-law Robin and brother James  
Went to Benson to visit the grave of Aaron Ballou who is distantly related to Robin.

**New Business**

Robert Gow was accused of harsh treatment by parents of youth horse riders about Earl Howard/South Cemetery who were told that horse riding in undeveloped areas adjacent to Cemeteries is not permitted. Jerry Merrifield referred to the Cemetery Rules:

**Rule 8: Do not ride horseback within or through any cemetery except in conjunction with a burial.**

Signs reminding rules about Horseback Riding and Other Vehicle Riding

Selectmen would support signage to be developed and posted.

Fencing around Middletown Cemetery needs repainting again.

Wendy O'Brien discussed proper placement and display of the B. Bolles marker recovered by Bob Gow for the Richmond Historical Society.

Jerry Mills notes Vine 15 ft up in maple that needs to be attended in South Cemetery.

JMi discusses placement of Benson sign which is ready for installation.

A notification as a courtesy about the placement of sign to the property owners near Benson should be considered.

Discussion about the disposition of wood taken down from the fallen tree at Quaker Cemetery.

### **Next Meeting**

21 August 2024

6:30pm at Taylor Van Brocklin

Jmi makes motion to adjourn meeting/Jme seconded

Meeting Adjournment

8:02 pm