

**Meeting of the Richmond Cemetery Committee**  
**15 October 2025**  
**7:00 pm**

Taylor Van Brocklin Building  
Richmond, NH  
03470

**Present:**

Jerry Merrifield, Chairman (Jme)  
Jerry Mills, Treasurer (Jmi)  
Rebecca Jane Lescynski, Secretary (Rl)  
Robert Gow, Sexton (Rg)

**Absent:**

John Lewis, Alternate (Jl)

**Guests:**

Fran Heap  
Dick Drew

**Call to Order**

7:05 pm

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the 17 September 2025 meeting taken by Rl were reviewed. Motion made (Jmi), seconded (Jme), and all approved to accept the minutes without edits. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:**

Jmi reported the checking balance as of 9/23/25 was still \$6,232.51. Check for \$967.00 for partial payment of South Cemetery fence made to Cheshire Fence. Motion made (Jme), seconded (Rl), and all approved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**RCC Budget:**

After meeting with Selectmen, the 2026 budget has been approved for \$20,418.00.

**Sexton's Report:**

Will be winterizing equipment soon.

Mowed South Cemetery last week and cleaned rock wall between Old South and Green Burial.

Rg submitted an expense report for \$15 for fuel. Jme approved and signed.

Rg collected \$200.00 cash from James Lucey's burial. Will be deposited with Town.

**Old Business:**

Fencing at South Cemetery

Lenny from Cheshire Fence has been given partial payment for fence.

\$1600.00 to Town for reimbursement - Motion made (Jmi), seconded (Jme), and all approved. Motion carried.

Jme to contact Melissa Herman about total cost of fence project (\$3200.00).

### Tree Removal

Bornt Treeworks cut down the two maples at Middletown. Received letter from Bornt regarding saying the trunks are still waiting to be cut up and the invoice is still \$2500.00. Rl to reach out to local furniture makers to see if they would like the wood for boards/furniture.

Jme sent letter to Robert Tarbox regarding tree removal at South that borders his property.

### **New Business:**

#### Cemetery Tour

Tour is still set for Saturday, 10/25. Rehearsal will be at 10am on 10/18. Currently not on community calendar.

#### Ground Penetrating Radar

Dick Drew discussed possible use of ground penetrating radar to help find additional graves that may be outside the walls of Quaker Cemetery. He recommended someone from Keene who has equipment. Estimated cost is \$165-\$185/hour, plus travel. Jme to reach out for more details.

#### Quaker Cemetery Sign

Jl had asked recently about moving the Quaker Cemetery sign further back from the road to be closer to the entrance of the cemetery. Jmi and Jme had concerns about visibility of the sign from the road. Jmi/Jme/Rl agreed to not move the sign at this time.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 7:59pm**

### **Next Meeting:**

19 November 2025  
7:00 pm at Taylor Van Brocklin

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rebecca Jane Lescynski