

Meeting of the Richmond Cemetery Committee
16 July 2025
7:00 pm

Taylor Van Brocklin Building
Richmond, NH
03470

Present:

Jerry Merrifield, Chairman (Jme)
Jerry Mills, Treasurer (Jmi)
Robert Gow, Sexton (Rg)
Rebecca Jane Lescynski, Secretary (RI)
John Lewis, Alternate (JI)

Guests:

None

Call to Order

7:00 pm

Minutes:

Minutes of the 21 May 2025 meeting taken by RI were reviewed. Motion made (JI), seconded (Jmi), and all approved to accept the minutes without edits. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Jmi reported the balance for the RCC is currently \$6207.51.
Jmi had also written a check to Peterborough Marble for \$390.00 for "S" and "L" corner stones. Jme has \$300.00 check from Jeff Reese for "L" cornerstones. Motion made (RI), seconded (JI), and all approved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

RCC Budget:

Jme reported that current balance of the RCC budget is \$16,624.99.

Sexton's Report:

Rg submitted invoice of \$131.00 from Winchester Motorsports for service and belt for brush cutter, plus receipt for fuel totaling \$74.95. Motion made (Jmi), seconded (RI), and all approved to pay for the expenses. Motion carried.

The Husky tractor recently broke but Al Bielunis was able to weld it in no time!

Old Business:

Horse sign and Directories

Jmi to laminate no horse riding signs this week. Will also work on the directories for Middletown and South Cemeteries. Directories need to be updated.

Benson directory still needs to be installed.

Fencing at South Cemetery

Jme spoke with David Beauchan. He can start whenever. He is asking for \$1670.00 in labor and fencing will cost approximately \$900.00. Jmi suggested getting a second quote with Cheshire Fence. All RCC members approved getting a second estimate, but if too high, then we should go with David.

Pending burials

No word on Heather Cannon's ashes for burial.

Laptop

Jme has been looking online but not finding the right PC with Intel I3 or I5 processing and Office 2024 pre-installed. Jmi suggested checking Staples again.

New Business:

Jme handed out updates for RRC member binders with updates to corner marker costs.

Jl presented contact info for a headstone cleaning service. Jme advised that approval would need to be granted from family members before cleaning headstones.

The bench at South Cemetery is very worn and rotted. Rg to look into replacement options.

Thank You's:

Jme wrote a thank you letter to Melissa Herman who donated \$500.00 to the RCC. He mentioned that her donation could be used for an upcoming cemetery walk event hosted by the RCC and RHS. She replied and offered to cover the cost of the fence to be installed at South Cemetery. Members considered creating a plaque to install on the fence to recognize Melissa's generosity.

Fire Chief, Robert Skrocki, filled the water totes at South Cemetery. RI to send thank you card.

Jme recognized Rg for doing such a great job with installing the corner markers for Jeff Reese's plots!

A motion was made (Jmi), seconded (RI), and all approved to close the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next Meeting:

20 August 2025

7:00 pm at Taylor Van Brocklin

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Jane Lescynski