

**Meeting of the Richmond Cemetery Committee**  
**17 September 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)  
John Lewis, Alternate (Jl)  
Robert Gow, Sexton (Rg)

**Guests:**

Fran Heap  
Dick Drew

**Call to Order**

7:05 pm

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the 20 August 2025 meeting taken by Rl were reviewed. One edit was found. The checking balance was incorrectly typed as \$6,23.52. The correct amount was \$6,232.51. Motion made (Jl), seconded (Jmi), and all approved to accept the minutes with the edit. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:**

Jmi reported the checking balance as of 8/23/25 was still \$6,232.51. No changes. Motion made (Jl), seconded (Rl), and all approved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**RCC Budget:**

2025 budget from January through August was reviewed and 2026 budget drafted. \$2800 is currently listed as being used for special projects but no one knows what this expense is. Jme to contact Susan Harrington for details. RCC members agreed to reduce the budget from \$21,500 to \$19,850. A meeting with the selectmen is set for October 6th at 5:30pm to finalize the 2026 budget.

**Sexton's Report:**

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

**Old Business:**

Fencing at South Cemetery

Cheshire Fence has been able to provide a quote yet. Will give them a little more time to schedule a visit. If RCC decides to go with David Beauchamp for the installation, RCC would need to provide the wood. Home Depot does not carry western cedar. Jme to ask David if he knows of place that carries cedar fencing.

## **New Business:**

### Funeral

James Lucey funeral is October 3rd at 11:00am. Rg to contact Doody for the dimensions of the cremation vault. Jme has copies of the cremation and death certificates. Waiting on \$200 check for burial to be made out to the Town of Richmond.

### Tree Removal

There are two maples in Middletown and one ash tree in South that need to be removed. Jme reached out to Bornt Treeworks for an estimate. They quoted \$2500 for all three trees. They will clear the brush and leave the trees. The ash is bordering Robert Tarbox's property and will be left for him to take. Motion made (Jmi), seconded (Jl), and all approved to use proceed with tree removal using Bornt Treeworks. Motion carried.

### Cemetery Tour

Fran and Dick stopped by to discuss the upcoming cemetery walk. John will talk about three individuals who served in the Civil War that are buried in Middletown: Newell, Palmer, and Starkey. Dick will talk about Mr. Brokenshire who was killed during WWII and is also buried there. We will put a canopy to display other historical artifacts and serve refreshments. Announcements will be made in the Rooster and on sandwich boards outside Library and Vets' Hall.

## **Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm**

### **Next Meeting:**

15 October 2025

7:00 pm at Taylor Van Brocklin

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rebecca Jane Lescynski