

Meeting of the Richmond Cemetery Committee
20 August 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)

Absent:

Robert Gow, Sexton (Rg)

Guests:

Lenny Solomon
Fran Heap
Dick Drew

Call to Order

7:03 pm

Minutes:

Minutes of the 16 July 2025 meeting taken by Rl were reviewed. Motion made (Jmi), seconded (Jl), and all approved to accept the minutes without edits. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Jmi reported the checking balance as of 8/4/25 was \$6,23.51 and included a recent deposit of \$75 for the Lucey plot sale. Motion made (Jl), seconded (Jme), and all approved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

RCC Budget:

Jme reported that only \$6,847 of the RCC budget had been spent YTD. Based on the all the hard work that Bob and sons have put in to the maintenance of the cemeteries, Jme suggested that RCC should consider increasing their wages by \$1.00 per hour. A motion was made by Jmi and seconded by Rl to increase the Sexton and assistants wages by \$1.00 per hour. All approved and the motion carried.

Additional Purchases:

Jme submitted receipts for the new laptop (\$426.84), mouse (\$18.99), case (\$11.99), and paper (\$7.84).
Jmi submitted a receipt for \$15.60 for stamps.
Jmi submitted receipts for Rg for fuel and rodent repellent totaling \$85.99.
Jme made a motion to accept all receipts and pay all bills. Jmi seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Sexton's Report:

Jmi reported for Rg. Mice have been causing issues in the shed at South - repellent purchased. Aldrich, Middletown, and South cemeteries have been mowed recently. Probably for the last time this season. Rg and sons to mow Quaker cemetery prior to the Firemen's BBQ.

Old Business:Fencing at South Cemetery

The fence cost using David Beauchan would be \$2450.00 for pine split rail. Cheshire Fence was contacted and they quoted \$3200.00 for Western cedar split rail fencing. After discussion, the committee would prefer the cedar fencing. Jmi made a motion to proceed with the quote from Cheshire Fence. JI seconded, and all approved. Motion carried.

Laptop

Jme purchased a new laptop! The town IT provider helped set it up. All set!

South Cemetery Bench

Linda Swanson graciously donated her bench to replace the old, worn one. Thank you, Linda!

New Business:

A woman, Ellen Denoncour, from the NH Office of Public Guardian reached out to Jme inquiring about purchasing a plot in South, but has no connection to Richmond. He has not heard back from her.

Resident James Lucey recently passed away. His family purchased a plot in the cremation section of Earl Howard II. Trustees have all signed the easement.

Cemetery Tour

Lenny, Fran, and Dick of the Richmond Historical Society were in to ask the RCC if they would like to co-sponsor a cemetery walk. They are hoping this will expand into a series of walks but will start with one this year in October at Middletown Cemetery. The tour will be around an hour in length and include RCC and RHS members telling stories of those buried there and the history of the cemetery. John Lewis and Dick Drew have volunteered to share stories they have of a couple people buried there. RHS has set a date of October 25th at 2:30pm with a rain date of November 1st. The September issue of The Rooster will have more details.

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

17 September 2025

7:00 pm at Taylor Van Brocklin

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Jane Lescynski

