

## GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2025, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Brian Allen, Vice Chair at 4:34 p.m.

Commissioners present: Brian Allen, Lucille Campbell, Sue Lawrence, Suzanne Sauv ; Val Hunter on Zoom.

Guests: Wade Lawrence, cemetery caretaker

Present on Zoom: None

Additions or deletions to agenda: none

Minutes:

Sue Lawrence moved to accept the June 10, 2025 minutes. Suzanne Sauv  seconded. All in favor.

Administrative Report – Sue Lawrence

Financial Report:

June balance sheet and budget status reports were reviewed.

Lawn Care & Maintenance:

Monthly bill from Jesse Sauv  was not available.

Wade Lawrence’s bill for \$100 for 4 hours of work presented, approved, signed by Brian Allen.

Lot Sales and Burials:

One double lot was sold; 5 burials, 5 more burials are planned. Sam White was buried, cornerstones were in place, but there is no headstone. He was a veteran. Sue Lawrence placed a flag on the plot and will speak to Minor’s Funeral Home about how to get a military marker.

Guest:

Wade Lawrence presented a checklist of possible tasks for the caretaker and/or the lawn mower as well as questions concerning cemetery policy pertaining to insurance and funeral procedures. There was a brief discussion and clarification of some items. Consensus was to table the discussion until the August meeting to give time for the Commissioners to think about the suggestions and possibly revising the job description of the caretaker.

Key for the storage shed at Village Cemetery:

Suzanne passed on a request from Jesse Sauv  for a key to the shed so he could store a few lawn care items there. Brian noted that there is not much room in the shed, so only small items could be kept there.

Stipend checks for four commissioners who filed paperwork were issued by Melissa Boutin.

#### Champlain Monuments:

Suzanne contacted Jeff Pignona on June 16. Two of the monuments which need repair are under warranty and will be repaired at no cost. The clamps at Hoag Cemetery belong to Champlain Monuments and will be removed. Suzanne has heard nothing more from Jeff Pignona.

#### Quaker Cemetery fence:

Brian cleaned the mud from the dirty section. He received a quote from Silas Shepard of \$475 to do a treatment of Wet & Forget on the fence. Sue moved to approve \$475 to apply Wet & Forget to the Quaker Cemetery fence. Suzanne seconded. All in favor.

#### Drainage:

Brian has been given two suggestions for helping with the water issue:

- (1) Hand-dig a trench from the "pond" inside the fence to the "pond" outside the fence to drain that section of the lawn.
- (2) Fill in the "pond" (low area) on the west side of the fence, possibly using excess dirt from town ditching for fill.

Suzanne questioned whether the low wet area would be considered a wetland. Sue thought it resulted from two large trees which were removed years ago. The stumps and roots have rotted away and the ground has sunk. Consensus was to try the simplest solution first. Brian will wait until the "pond" is back and will dig a trench. He will also check on how much fill it would take for the low section on the west side of the fence.

#### Directional sign:

Brian put a temporary one-way arrow sign near the vault. The Town Highway Dept. has offered to provide one-way signs. Brian will check with Ronnie Bushway about the size of the signs and where they should be located.

Discussion about Jeff Parizo's suggestion to gravel the north driveway. Suzanne mentioned that Bullis' harrow had dug up the drive but vehicles using the drive had smoothed out most of the ruts. Consensus was to ask Dwight Bullis to repair any damage his farm equipment makes. We will not add gravel to that driveway at this time. The circle drive in the old section should be smoothed and have new gravel. Brian will check on that.

Val moved to adjourn, Sue seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m. Next meeting August 12, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary