

GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2025, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Val Hunter asked Brian Allen to chair the meeting. Meeting was called to order by Brian, Vice Chair at 4:35 p.m.

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

Guests: Wade Lawrence

Additions or deletions to agenda: Sue Lawrence asked to add marker pins for cremains as more are needed. Lucille found the section in the May 13, 2025 minutes where we approved purchase of pins. Sue will order pins from Lynch Supply.

Minutes:

Sue moved to accept the Aug. 12, 2025 minutes. Val seconded. All in favor.

Administrative Report – Sue Lawrence

Financial Report:

Financial report was reviewed.

Sue presented M & T statements. Money Market account has \$72,970.39. Large land CD has \$104,611.81.

Lawn Care & Maintenance:

Jesse Sauvé's lawn care bill of \$4,635.00 was presented for payment.

Lot Sales and Burials:

Sue reported that from April 2025 to August 10, 2025 18 burials have taken place, with 2 more planned.

No lot sales this month.

Caretaker duties:

Wade Lawrence discussed concerns about duties. He needs to bring in larger equipment to do brush hogging, mowing burial site, and moving dirt for filling large holes. This costs him more than the \$25 per hour he receives for his work. He felt that "maintain cornerstones" could mean raising the sunken ones, keeping growth off them, etc. which is a time consuming job. He wanted to verify that liability insurance was required.

Commissioners verified that liability insurance is required. Revisions to duties: remove "maintain" from cornerstones; specify "small" holes to be filled; delete maintain fences, brush hogging, and remove deadwood from list of duties. Brush hogging and removing deadwood

jobs to be done as needed after an estimate from Wade and when the budget allows. Brian can bring 4-wheeler and dump cart to help with moving dirt. Compensation for caretaker duties will be discussed when developing the next budget.

Brian gave update on work on circle drive in Section A. He asked Island Excavating for an estimate for removing grass and new gravel but has not heard from them.

Stock money:

\$36,000 of the \$72,970.39 in the Money Market is from cashing in the stocks. Discussion as to how much to leave in the Money Market and what should be done with it: Suzanne mentioned that M & T Bank has a special rate for savings accounts which might be more than the rate on a CD. Question is whether government money can be put in that type of savings account. Sue will contact M & T before the October meeting to get current rates and terms. Consensus was that all of the \$36,000 could be put in a short-term account as there were no large projects planned for the next several months which would require those funds.

Quaker Cemetery:

Someone used permanent ink to mark within the engraving of all the letters on the top four lines on the front of the boulder. Lucille tried removing the ink while the stone was wet. That did not work. Suzanne will contact Jeff Pignona at Champlain Monuments for a recommendation for cleaning it. Suzanne will also check on the status of Champlain Monuments' repair work on several stones at the Village and Hoag Cemeteries. She mentioned she saw someone working on a couple of stones in the Village Cemetery but didn't know if it was Champlain Monuments working on our request. We have received no bill.

Agenda items for September: Stock funds to CD or savings, approve caretaker duties.

Val moved to adjourn. Suzanne seconded. Motion passed. Adjourned at 5:47 p.m. Next meeting October 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary