

GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2025, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Val Hunter, Chair at 4:30 p.m.
Commissioners present: Brian Allen, Lucille Campbell, Sue Lawrence, Suzanne Sauvé;
Val Hunter was present on Zoom.

Guests: none

Additions or deletions to agenda: none

Minutes:

Sue moved to accept the September 9, 2025 minutes with correction of September to October in last paragraph. Suzanne seconded. All in favor.

Administrative Report – Sue Lawrence

Financial report was reviewed. Sue will check records in regard to discrepancy in grave opening amount and Melissa Boutin will correct the amount if necessary.

Sue presented M & T statements. Money Market account has \$72,976.38. Large land CD has \$104,907.14.

Lawn Care & Maintenance:

Jesse Sauvé's lawn care bill of \$2,925 for September was presented for payment.

Lot Sales and Burials:

Two burials. No lot sales this month.

Caretaker duties: Sue Lawrence recused herself from the discussion. Brian moved to accept the revised Caretaker Duties. Suzanne seconded. Four approved the motion. Sue recused.

Quaker Cemetery stone update: Suzanne contacted Jeff Pignona of Champlain Monuments about removal of ink from engraved letters. He suggested using Simple Green with a plastic brush. Suzanne cleaned the area with Simple Green and was able to remove nearly all of the marker ink.

Culvert update: Sue contacted Steve More of the town highway department. He suggested placing a second culvert deeper and next to the existing one which is caved in and plugged. He will not be able to do the work before spring. This will be an agenda item after January 2026. The assumption is that the Cemetery Commission will pay for the new culvert and the town road crew will do the work.

Budget work session: Lengthy discussion regarding the Selectboard's request that we level fund and the fact that lawn care costs have increased significantly. The increase in interest earned will help reduce the Cemetery request for an increased town appropriation. The budget amounts for gravestone restoration and equipment/maintenance were reduced by 50%. IT cost was reduced by budgeting for two G-1 licenses rather than one G-1 and one G-3 license
Brian moved to accept the worksheet figures with \$23,850 requested as the Town Appropriation. The total budget is \$30,450. Lucille seconded. Passed with all in favor.

Representative to the Nov. 3 Selectboard meeting to present the budget will be Sue Lawrence. Lucille Campbell will also attend.

Brian moved to adjourn, Sue seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.
Next meeting Nov. 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary