TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2026
Office Building, Meeting room 3
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

In attendance:

Cemetery Committee Members:

Karl Stofko, Chairman
Crary Brownell, Vice Chairman
Deb Denette, Secretary

Irma Carper-Miller

Call to Order

Dr. Stofko called the Cemetery Committee to order at 7:04 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Brownell to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Mrs. Denette seconded the motion and advised that although she was not in attendance, she listened/watched the youtube recording and prepared the minutes. The motion adopting the May minutes carried unanimously via voice vote.

Communications/Cemetery Troopers Update

The Cemetery Troopers have finished up at the Second Yard. They noted that a tree needs to be removed, the roots of which have grown around a headstone. Mrs. Carpa-Miller noted that unfortunately it is a very healthy looking tree. She noted that a replacement stone is being made for by a mason in Deep River for John Warner, a Revolutionary War veteran, whose stone had been photographed, but is not repairable.

The troopers will move to the Hadlyme Cemetery next.

Facilities Update

Mr. Angersola contacted Mrs. Denette to advise that neither he or Rick Shea were able to attend this meeting. He relayed that he had some thoughts that he would like to share with the

Committee. Mrs. Denette arranged a July 2nd one on one with him and will share the information with the Committee at the July meeting.

Old Business

The following items remained status quo.

- The Mark Phillips stone is still missing.
- The Spencer stones are still located in the basement of the Municipal Office Complex
- Fencing at Bashan is still a wish of the committee, and an appropriate grant request. As is fencing at Three Bridges, and a gate for the entryway at Warner. (it was unknown if these items were part of facilities budget request).
- Article promoting need for expansion of cemeteries should be written as the process moves forward.

Burial request for space (Elaine Woods through Kim Woods) Millington. The deeds found only reference three burial plots, which have been filled (not the seven the family believe that they held).

General spencer was moved from Millington to the current Nathan Hale Schoolhouse monument site. A bronze plaque denoting that space cannot be located, but should be at the original site at Millington. It was believed this happened around 1902.

Way lot holds room for one more. (Hal Bailey is related). Diane Miner (albert).

By-Laws, Rules & Procedures, Ordinance

Two alternates were authorized at town Meeting in April. The Committee should work to recruit two people. An article for the East Haddam News was suggested.

Additional cemetery space

Nothing new to report.

Budget

The Committee's budget is $2,000.

Mrs. Denette stated that she had asked the Finance Director to arrange a conference call with Key Bank to see if a withdrawal can be taken from the investment account to fund a fence at Bashan Cemetery. The Finance Director advised that she will not be available until the audit was completed, the audit has still not been completed.

Existing maps need to be pulled and cemeteries visited to update these maps. Deb, Crary and Phil will tackle this. Dr. Stofko receives a phone call from the Town Clerk with inquiries received there. It would be preferred if the Committee were emailed so as not to place an undue burden on the chairman.

Audience of Citizens

Nothing noted.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brownell and duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Denette