TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Cemetery Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 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
Alison Guinness
Phil Barlow

Irma Carper-Miller
Rick Shea

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 June 18, 2026 regular meeting with the correction to the Spelling of Mrs. Carper-Miller (It read Carpa). Mrs. Denette seconded the motion. The motion adopting the June minutes as amended carried with Mr. Barlow abstaining.

Communications/Cemetery Troopers Update

Mrs. Denette advised that she spoke with Don Angersola as planned on July2nd. Mr. Angersola noted that the time of the meeting makes attendance by facilities difficult at times. It was suggested that perhaps quarterly meetings may even be more prudent for the Committee. Mr. Angersola also relayed that he would not be in favor of more oversight by the Committee, but the need for good communication was understood. Further discussion was held as to whether less frequent meetings would make sense for the Committee as meetings often are a restating of the prior month.

Facilities Update

Mr. Shea noted that recent storms produced fallen trees everywhere in town, including the cemeteries. Fallen trees at Bashan will be removed this next week.

Cemetery Troopers

The Cemetery troopers have moved over to Hadlyme Cemetery. They noted that this cemetery has been very neglected. If fact, an entire row is now in the woods.

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.

Mr. Barlow encouraged grants to assist with costs.

By-Laws, Rules & Procedures, Ordinance

Mrs. Guinness and Mrs. Denette drafted revisions as we awaited approval of alternates. Now that the alternate situation is resolved, they will give them another look and then bring them forward incorporating the appropriate number of members.

Additional cemetery space

Nothing new to report. It was noted that the Harris property is a potential site that the Town owns.

Mr. Stofko would like to know how much income has been received from the Trust over the past 10 years and what that income has been utilized for. He would also like to participate with a conference call with the Trustee if it can be scheduled.

The Town Clerk was requested to email the Committee with requests rather than burden the chairman.

Mrs. Denette, Mr. Brownell and Mr. Barlow will begin the work of mapping out filled burial spaces on August 3rd. Millington Cemetery is the first site that will be tackled. This site work did not meet the requirement of a meeting making an agenda unnecessary.

Audience of Citizens

Nothing noted.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Denette, seconded by Mrs. Guinness, the meeting adjourned at 7:37

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Denette