

Town of Springfield – Cemetery Commissioners - Minutes
Selectboard Hall - 96 Main Street - Third Floor
Wednesday, August 6 2025

Commissioners present: Ronald Griffin, Beth Gray, Cathryn Feickert and Barbara A. Courchesne, Ex-Officio. Logan Gabert, Cemetery Sexton

Meeting called to order: 5:01 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Approve Minutes of July 2, 2025: Cathryn moved, and Ron seconded approval of minutes. All voted in favor.

Cemify: Barbara spoke about the town's vendor Cemify whom her staff will be working with over the next year to digitize burial records and to create an online burial lookup site for the public. Cemify will create digital mapping of the town's three largest cemeteries, Oakland, Pine Grove and Summer Hill. The mapping will provide GIS points of each burial and GPS will coordinate with walking instructions to each burial site. Town Clerk's staff will input the data of all lot owners and burials that will eventually connect to the mapping of each site. The project will take some time to complete but will be well worth the effort to preserve and digitize the records and provide easy access to burial locations for the public from their phone, laptop or other digital device. Ron asked about having a QR code posted at each site that is linked to the town's Cemetery Rules and Regulations. This project is in the works and when completed Cemify will have a QR code.

Cemetery Update and Review: Ron mentioned the Boedtke needs mowing and had previously reported a leaking faucet. Cemetery Sexton, Logan, was present and mentioned that he is playing catch up with the Boedtke mowing and has reported to his superior a need for a blade on a piece of equipment. Commissioners praised Logan for all the work he has done thus far and that in general the cemeteries look great.

Summer Hill Stone Cleaning: Barbara reported that despite the rainy weather the event went well and there were 10 people (including 3 commissioners Scott, Cathryn and Beth) cleaning stones. Beth and Judy were cleaning stones in Summer Hill the week following the public event. Beth and Cathryn suggested a weekday event in October to possibly attract public attendance. Barbara will survey the commissioners for a Tuesday or Thursday date/time in October to advertise its next event from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and voted in favor to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Next meeting will be September 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Courchesne

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