

Orange Cemetery Commission Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2025, 4:30pm

Location: Town Hall

Minutes

All meetings are held at the town hall unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions regarding cemetery meetings or business, please contact: 802-365-1446 or email: orangevtcc@gmail.com

In attendance: CC Clark Agnew, CC Mike Raboin, CC Rod Coronado, Kevin Wilson (SB), Bill Crowther (Town Treasurer)

The meeting was called to order at 4:32pm with the first matter of business being an agenda revision to include a discussion and possible motion to allocate remaining budget funds from 2025 (approx. \$7K) to the 2026 Cemetery Budget. CC Coronado made the motion to amend the agenda which was seconded by CC Raboin.

A discussion followed about establishing the 2026 budget with remaining budget funds from 2025 and plot sale funds (\$13,010.47) from the same year rather than interest generated in 2025 from the Perpetual Care Fund. CC Raboin expressed that our entire budget should remain the same (approx. \$14K) which all were in agreement with. Treasurer Crowther expressed a desire to see such a budget that was not dependent on the request for general funds at town meeting. All were in agreement.

There was discussion around the need to have the CC create a Request for Bids to cover mowing, as opposed to all town mowing combined into one bid. SB member Wilson indicated that he would inform us when the bid goes out so a duplicate for cemetery mowing can be created in tandem. We were unable to come up with a clear figure for past cemetery mowing as the invoices are part of a three year contract that was not clearly recorded or understood by the CC.

At 4:49 a motion was made by CC Agnew to request the allocation of remaining 2025 Cemetery budget funds towards the 2026 budget with the remaining budget coming from plot sales to avoid transfer fees from drawing from the Perpetual Care Fund's 2025 interest. If there is overage, then the CC will draw from the PCF interest from 2025. The motion was seconded by CC Raboin.

At 5:09pm a discussion was held around auditing records for plot sales and to investigate deeds to create an up to date map of available plot in Brookhaven

Cemetery. In order to avoid confusion, the CC also agreed to reference the actual deed owners for a plot before moving forward with any burial or monument related business. All were in agreement that such an effort has become necessary to avoid conflict with families.

At 5:15pm the CC discussed allocating \$500 in funds to purchase new cemetery flags and some hand tools such as shovels. All were in agreement. Treasurer Crowther informed us of Barre Town Cemetery Sexton, Harry Harrington who does cemetery mapping and other services we may be interested in conducting in the future. It was decided that we should enquire with him about the purchase of flags as well, as in the past some were donated to the Town of Orange.

At 5:40pm CC Coronado informed the other CC's of incoming calls to the commission of which there were only one about a possible internment in 2026. Another was received about a plot sale in Brookhaven.

At 5:45pm CC Coronado made a motion to adjourn seconded by CC Agnew.