

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
May 8, 2025

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the town conference room. In attendance were Bryan LeBlanc, Tim Cloutre, Lauren Järvi, Karen Budde, Chad Whitehead, and Andy Dussault.

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:02 AM.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from our April 17 meeting. Seconded by Bryan. Approved by B & T.

Bryan began another three year term on the Cemetery Commission in March. We did not revisit the Organization of our board last month. Lauren agreed to continue to serve as Chair and Clerk. .

Andy brought copies of the boundary survey he made of the Centervale Cemetery and provided some details on his work. He'll produce a mylar copy to be stored in the vault.

Karen reported that while she continues to work on the inherited records from Centervale it is presenting many challenges. Records of lot sales and burials are incomplete and inconsistent. She is taking photos of each memorial/lot and doing her best to get the information she has into the database, with Sam's assistance. Find-A-Grave has reached out and she'll be working with them on making sure records are accurate and consistent. She will be in touch again with Dale, and Lauren offered to contact Daryl Gervais as he may have some insight or recollection as to the records under the prior ownership.

Karen has set a community cleanup day at Centervale on May 20. Several individuals have offered to help with this. Bryan will see about getting our cemeteries on the list of locations to be worked on at the STJA Sophomore Stewardship Day next spring.

Lauren was in touch with the Lincoln Sign Company and awaits further detail re the signs for Centervale and A-H that Andy Dussault has discussed with him.

There is yet to be completion on the two outstanding issues at Grove: no burial permit has been confirmed at the Derby Cemetery for Mrs. Eaton, and no contact has been made re the Dillon/Smith lot. Tim will reach out to the individual he has identified who may be related to the Dillon family buried adjacent to the Smith lot.

Karen is exploring options for a small marker for Mr. Cyr at Centervale

We'll establish an ongoing schedule for cemetery monument cleaning and maintenance at an upcoming meeting.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 8:52. Seconded by Tim Approved by B & T.

Our next meeting will be on June 12.

Link to recording:

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