

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
July 10, 2025

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

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:00 AM.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from our June 12 meeting. Seconded by Bryan. Approved by B & T.

Karen reported that she yet to realize success in her continued efforts to reach someone from the Dillon family to explain our challenge with the monument at Grove marking the family plot. And there is also no conclusion yet on where Mrs. Eaton may in fact be laying at rest. There appears to be some interest within the family to transfer the Grove deed to another generation/family member.

We discussed at some length the matter of the language to appear on the signs we plan to have made for the Centervale and Ayer-Hawkins Cemeteries. We agreed that the former should read on the front Centervale Cemetery, Incorporated November 10, 1863. On the back it should read Town of St Johnsbury, as on the two existing signs, at CVBY and Grove. And the Ayer-Hawkins should read Ayer-Hawkins Cemetery, Designated for a burial plot in xxxx with the date to be determined.. We talked at some length about what should happen to the sign that reports about Revolutionary War soldiers buried there. It could be reproduced on the back of the new sign. It could be moved to the rear of the cemetery or it could be altogether removed. There is not a uniformity of opinion this. While we seemed in agreement on moving the sign to back, following our meeting Bryan expressed dissatisfaction with this. We'll revisit all of this next month.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 8:49, seconded by Tim. Approved by B&T.

We repaired to the Centervale for a site visit where Andy provided a tour of the perimeter per his recent survey, Karen placed the markers for Mr. Cyr and we talked about the difficulty in confidently selling lots with no clear record of what Dale may have sold in the past. Karen's still on this..

Our next meeting will be on August 12.