

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
December 11, 2025

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

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:07 AM.

Tim pointed out a spelling error on the minutes from our November 13 meeting. The fifth paragraph, beginning with *the Dillon memorial* should say lot rather than lost. With that correction he moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Lauren. Approved by T & L.

Karen reported that Mike from MRM Fencing, who did the fencing at the Grove, has been in touch re replacing one of the fencing panels there that was damaged sometime over the summer. She will get a quote for this work, to be done in the spring.

Tim suggested we see about some fencing and a gate at Centervale nearer the road access to prevent anyone driving onto the property out of season. This would help control unauthorized visitors and activity there. The existing system of concrete barriers requires DPW to set and remove them every spring and fall. And apparently this year the placement is such that folks can, and have, driven around them into the cemetery after the closing date. This needs to be remedied. We talked about having DPW either move them further apart and/or dumping enough snow adjacent to them to discourage this unauthorized access. Karen had recently spoken with Mike at MRM about fence and gate options and will continue this conversation. She'll also follow up with DPW regarding the current situation described above.

In the absence of any information from Chad re increase in DPW fees for next year we decided to add 5% to the existing budget and are using \$39,000 as a placeholder for the time being.

Tim confirmed he'll provide the update to our Rules and Regulations to Rachel for posting. This will reflect the name Centervale for our cemetery formerly known as the St Johnsbury Center Cemetery. He'll also check on our fee structure and how it aligns with other local cemeteries.

Tim moved to adjourn at 8:38, seconded by Bryan. Approved by T&B.

Our next meeting will be on January 15

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