

Vershire Cemetery Trustee Meeting July 10 2025 at the Town Center
Minutes

The meeting came to order at 2: 10. Present Eleanor Zue, Peggy Darrow; Rita French absent.

Tree cutting: In our last meeting we voted to hire Owen Wagner of Wagner Tree Care to cut down some trees in the South Vershire and the Vershire Center cemeteries. His insurance agent sent Gene, the Town clerk, a certificate of insurance. Mr. Wagner needs to supply Gene with a W9; Gene will draw up a contract. Mr. Wagner hopes to start the work early next month.

Two dead trees came down into the Vershire Center Cemetery. One of them did no damage, the other knocked a footstone askew. Rod Maile very kindly cut them up and removed them for us. Thank you Rod!

South Vershire Cemetery. With the help of her granddaughter, Rita has erected the posts for fencing the Bedell plot. The planks still need to be nailed on. Do we need to seal the fence? We don't need to do this if the wood is pressure-treated.

The grave inscription list of this cemetery is nearly complete. Peggy reports that this was the easiest of the three cemeteries to list, because not only did Mr. Earl Russell make a map and a very accurate transcription of the inscriptions in the 1970s, the gravestones are nicely aligned in rows.

A number of gravestones that existed in the 1970s have now disappeared and others have broken and fallen flat and become covered with moss. A couple of the missing gravestones are now propped up at the back of the cemetery. Perhaps the next time we have restoration work done here, we can have them put back where they belong. Also, we'd like to raise the ones that are fallen a few inches above the ground to prevent them from sinking into the grass again.

Vershire Village Cemetery. We have given up trying to get Justin Ford to replace the grave stone that his work broke. Eleanor will check what is inscribed on the stone and contact Green Valley Memorials to find out how much it will cost to replace this stone.

As we reported in the minutes of our April and May meetings, an aerial photo of the Village Cemetery shows its back boundary several yards beyond what we believed to be the boundary fence. We have decided to contact Tom Otterman, a surveyor who has worked in and for the town before, to survey the cemetery land.

Our next meeting will be on August 14th at 2pm.

The meeting adjourned 2:50

Respectfully submitted, Margaret H. Darrow, Vershire Cemetery Trustee