

Vershire Cemetery Trustee Meeting September 11, 2025 at the Town Center
Minutes

The meeting came to order at 3:05. Present Eleanor Zue, Rita French, Peggy Darrow
Old business:

Center Cemetery and South Vershire/Mountain Ash Cemetery tree cutting update: Owen Wagner of Wagner Tree Service in East Thetford has completed felling trees at the Vershire Center cemetery but his equipment broke a gravestone in the process. He has removed that stone (#0.3 Charles H) to repair it and will put it back this weekend. Rita saw that the double birch slated to be felled in the South Vershire cemetery has been removed but she didn't investigate further. She will do so after the meeting. We filled out a payment order to Wagner Tree Service that we will submit to Gene when we are assured that all the work is completed and any damage repaired.

South Vershire/Mountain Ash cemetery fence project is on hold at the moment. Most of the posts are in place and the boards are at the cemetery. Rita is waiting for a helper to nail on the boards.

Vershire Village Cemetery issues: There is no new information about replacing the gravestone irreparably damaged in the tree work in the Village Cemetery two years ago.

Eleanor and Peggy met with surveyors Tom and Matt Otterman to investigate the back boundary in question. Mr. Otterman showed us surveys of surrounding property (there is no survey of the cemetery) that led us to conclude, unfortunately, that there is no evidence to support the aerial survey's boundary line.

Eleanor inventoried the gravestones fallen flat at the Village cemetery; there are 13 such but in different conditions. Some could be laid on gravel but others are too broken to be moved. Rita and Peggy need to inventory the other two cemeteries. Meanwhile, Peggy checked out the suggestion that pea stones might be better than gravel, but in fact they are too large and also too expensive.

New business

We need to know where we are in the mowing budget; the budget covers 11 mows. Peggy will check with Gene and Mark.

Now that all three cemeteries' listings of gravestones have been posted on the town's website, we need a policy about corrections. We have found errors in the Village and Center cemetery lists. We decided to make changes to our own lists but wait until more serious issues arise to have the lists replaced on the website.

Our next meeting will be at the Town Center on Oct 9 at 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret H. Darrow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Margaret" on the top line and "H. Darrow" on the bottom line.

Margaret H. Darrow