

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- June 9, 2026
Minutes accepted on August 11, 2026

Present Karen Belcher
 Melissa Searles
 Melissa Clark

Karen Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The minutes of the May 12, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved with a minor correction.

It was noted that a quote has been received from Peterborough Marble and Granite for stone repair. As the Cemetery Trustees voted to have the repair work done at their previous meeting, a message will be sent to Mr. Kaufold to complete the work.

The Cemetery Trustees have asked that the water is shut off in Sunnyside Cemetery due to a water leak. The Water Commissioners will be removing the water at the cemetery as it could not be shut off.

Karen Belcher reported that she has received a phone call from Alice Warden inquiring about using her uncle's lot. As she is not listed on the deed it would not be allowed. There is space for two cremains at her parent's lot if she wants to use that.

The Trustees discussed the procedure for buying back a cemetery lot. The lot can not have any burials in them. The price the town will pay for the lot will be the price originally paid minus the cost of the corner stones.

Melissa Clark reported that the trees at the Gibbons lot will be removed.

Karen Belcher will be reaching out to get quotes for tree work in the cemeteries. Melissa Searles can be available if a viewing of the cemeteries is needed.

Melissa Clark asked about the cemetery files. Karen Belcher has been working on the files to create a useable resource as in the past the information for each lot has been housed in a variety of locations. The files are currently a work in progress.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary