Worcester Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 4:00 PM
Town Office Complex

In attendance: Julie, Fran Public Guest: Jessie Lacombe

1. **Call to order** Julie and Fran call the meeting to order at 4:05 PM
2. **Review and approve June 4, 2026 minutes** Julie moves to approve the minutes as written. Fran seconds.
3. **Election of chair** Fran nominates Julie for acting chair. Julie accepts.

Fran makes a motion to amend the agenda for the remainder of the meeting. Julie seconds.

4. **Public concern** Jessie Lacombe brought a concern to the Commission. After a family burial, the gravesite was left in disarray. She contacted the Sexton. She was happy with the communication, but not with the follow through (the area was not smooth and seeded weeks after the burial). The family ended up caring for the gravesite (topsoil smoothing, grass seeding, etc). Commission Response: the Commission will contact the Sexton clarifying that somebody must be present at each burial to immediately fill in graves after the service, and site work needs to be completed in a timely manner.
5. **Benches in Mountain Cemetery** the benches tip because they are very heavy. Jessie Lacombe provides public comment: her dad built the benches which were donated through the Grange. The Grange has offered to pick the benches up, redesign the footings, so they won't sink, and deliver them back to the cemetery for placement. The Grange is also requesting to add a plaque or engraving to the effect of "donated by the Grange and handmade by the Davy family." Fran makes a motion to allow the Grange to take and fix the benches and add the plaque. Julie seconds. When the benches are finished, Jessie will reach out to Fran and Julie to do a walk-through to determine new bench placements.
6. **Cemetery maintenance (trees, and flowers)** a maple tree at the front of the mountain cemetery has died. Fran requests permission to cut the tree. Julie moves to allow Fran and Mick to remove the dead tree. Fran seconds. Fran requests permission to scatter flower seeds near the ledges. Julie moves to allow Fran to scatter seeds or plant flowers around the ledges. Fran seconds.
7. **Stone repair and straightening** Fran moves to strike this from the agenda because we have not received the financial information needed to discuss. Julie seconds.
8. **New business** Fran moves to amend the cemetery pamphlet with the following changes: rule five strike the word permanent, add " a vault is not required." rule five now reads: " all ashes must be in a container; a vault is not required. Burial of ashes must be accompanied by paperwork from crematory or funeral home along with the burial fee." Julie seconds the change to the pamphlet.

Fran moves that we adjourn the meeting at 5:10 PM. Julie seconds.