

GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2025, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Valerie Hunter, Chair, at 4:30 p.m.
Commissioners present: Brian Allen, Lucille Campbell, Valerie Hunter, Sue Lawrence, Suzanne Sauvé.

Guests: None

Additions or deletions to the agenda:
Sue adds Vermont Old Cemetery Association dues to New Business.

Sue moved to approve the minutes of Jan. 14, 2025. Brian seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Administrative report:

Financial report for January was presented. Lucille questioned the addition of \$25 to the Trust Fund balance. Melissa reported that it was a donation to the Trust Fund from Peter De Treville.

Lawn care and maintenance – no bills

Burials – none

Lot sales - none

Lawn Care bid – Wording of ad was revised and will be placed in The Islander for two weeks – Feb. 20 and Feb. 27. Sealed bids are due March 7, 2025 to be opened March 11 and awarded March 13. Lucille will send it to The Islander and will post on Front Porch Forum three times. Lucille will ask Carrie San Angelo to post the bid notice on the Town web site.

Flags – Sue will call Mike Guernsey. If the Essex VFW does not order the flags this year, we will ask South Hero and North Hero if they want to order jointly with Grand Isle. Discussion about a flag fund will be on the March agenda.

Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) sent a dues reminder notice. The dues are \$20 per year or \$82 for five years. Brian moved to renew our membership for 5 years at \$82. Suzanne seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Renewal of Trust Fund/Perpetual Care Fund CD at M & T Bank was discussed. Sue presented interest rates and terms for several local banks. The maturing CD is held at M & T Bank at 4.4% for 18 months. Brian moved to give authorization to Sue Lawrence to reach out to M & T Bank and select the best rate and term to reinvest the Cemetery Trust Fund CD money. Lucille seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Sue discussed the possibility of purchasing the G-3 license for her Town laptop to replace the G-1 license put on the laptop recently. The cost of the G-3 is approximately \$336 compared to \$180 for the G-1. Because there are questions about whether the G-3 is worth the extra money, Lucille suggested that Sue use the G-1 for a month to see if it will do what she needs. Sue agreed. We will revisit this at the March 11 meeting.

There was a reminder that all board and commission members must do the Open Meeting Law training and the Ethics Commission training.

Brian moved to adjourn. Sue seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next meeting March 11, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary