

Windham Cemetery Trustees Meeting-DRAFT

Minutes of July 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 3pm by Barbara Coish, Chair. Also present were Wendi Devlin and Frank Farmer Trustees and Bruce Moeckel. Alternate Trustee.

First on the agenda was a short discussion with Mike Boyden regarding our new contract with his company for the cemetery mowing and other issues.

We spoke about the area near the very oldest stones on the Plains Cemetery. This area is not in the contract but will begin to be mowed and billed at the hourly rate. Mowing will begin Wednesday 7/30. Boyden's crew empties the trash barrels but does not contact Casella when the dumpster is full. The Trustees must do this. We are trying to contact Casella and will continue to try until we get through to them. This is proving to be difficult. The dumpster needs to be emptied. Bruce asked what is the policy of removing dead flowers after a funeral. Boyden will not do this. The Trustees or family must. We thanked Mike for coming in and we are happy to have met face to face.

The lack of water at the cemeteries was discussed. Since our point well is insufficient, we propose to tie into the well at the ballfield if possible. At our direction Bruce has been exploring possibilities with Dennis Senibaldi. We are on the agenda for this evening's meeting with Selectmen to gain permission to go forward. Under Dennis' direction Boyden would do the work of the connection and we will pay for the installation to Boyden. Boyden is the Town contractor for irrigation.

Kyle Sawyer/Arco Excavators (603 895-0111) is our new contactor for installing cement bases.

We are all using our personal computers since Wendi Devlin is no longer a Town employee. Wendi suggests that we pay to have Rockport set us up with a good laptop that will serve our needs well. She says we must have the full version of Adobe and Excel. Barbara will move on this issue. The majority of our records are in the safe at Town Hall, however we have two boxes of important paperwork that we use always stored in a private residence. This also brought up the issue that we have no designated space and no secure storage.

Wendi Devlin has expressed the wish to just work on the paperwork side of the Trustees duties. The Trustees accepted Wendi Devlin's resignation as Trustee as of 8/11/2025. Vote 3-0. Bruce would have voted yes if he was seated. The following is the proposal we shall present to the Selectmen at the meeting on 8/11/2025.

1. Selectmen will accept Wendi's resignation on 8/11/25 if they also must legally do so.
2. Selectmen will immediately appoint Alternate Bruce Moeckel to Wendi Devlin's unexpired term to March 2028.
3. Selectmen will then immediately appoint Wendi Devlin as Alternate Trustee for a one- year term in accordance to RSA 289:6 which states "The board may recommend to the appointing authority the names of no more than two persons who may serve as alternate members on the board. The alternate members shall be appointed to one-year terms"

Frank Farmer, moved; Wendi Devlin, second to move ahead on 8/11/2025 with the process stated above in items 1,2 and 3. Vote 3-0. Bruce would have voted yes if he was seated.

By following this process, the Trustees will not be left without a full board for any length of time and with Wendi Devlin serving as an alternate member, the Trustees will retain her valuable institutional knowledge. Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Submitted by,

Barbara Coish