Somers Cemetery Meeting
Agenda
November 18, 2026

1. Call to order:
2. Members present:
3. Public Comment:
4. Vote to approve minutes from September 9, 2026 regular meeting.
5. Committee reports:

a. Finance:

b. Sexton:

c. Landscaping:

d. Veteran's Affairs:

e. DPW: Well repair at Center. (No information from July request, it must be working. (Cost of repair?) Review stressed Pin Oak in Center Cemetery driveway.

Old Business:

a. Concern form: from July meeting. Center Cemetery lot #113. Todd Rolland: Client contact and report for stressed tree.

b. A recheck: Site plans for Center Cemetery pins are ours. RFP from business office for work to be sent to other companies. (Vote to choose if updated info from Town Hall under new business.)

c. Family requesting the use of a private columbarium on a double grave site. (#s?). We have no rules to include or exclude such. We do have grave stone size restrictions in place. Discussion.

d. Report on J. Appell work under consideration for Old West repairs.

New Business:

a. Concern forms:

b. Calendar for 2027 meetings

c. Center Cemetery: large metal Regulations sign damaged by vehicle and also needs to be moved in order to have better access to a small number of grave sites. Discuss new site.

d. DPW: Report on companies responding to RFPs on repair of front edge of Old West retaining wall that has moved. Discussion under new business.
e. Report: Somers Housing Authority & Board of Selectman comments on possible purchase of land for new housing behind Wood Crest & Center Cemetery. Request map of area of consideration.

f. 1. Mapping of New West – No new plots are available for sale. Town does not have an updated map showing the few grave sites added by sexton since the early 1980s. Some sites may also have been sold since last mapping. A number of graves are now in use and no update is available to the public. Maybe military sites as well.

2. Mapping of North Cemetery – Notation of military required. Paper map is available but unknown on accuracy. Known to not be up to date. (2012 burial) Earliest burials are from the 1700s.

3. Old West mapping -. Notation of Military from 1700s to the present required. (Number of graves?) Map is available digitized and in private hands. Consider official request to transfer information in digital format to town in order to be part of town records and ASAP have a paper map available to laminate and have available for committee and public use. Consideration of volunteers doing the west end to look for Revolutionary War military. We have a list of names but no locations.

4. RFP for a company to map and note all gravesites and have tabs for veterans or specific conflicts. (North, Old West, New West)
Consideration is for another company to do these three cemeteries since we do not have any plots to sell and do not require online purchase agreement.

5. Old West (RT 190) DPW has informed the chair that old wall repair is out of their expertise. Chair requests to contact Basche of Ashford as they have repaired before. Motion for a price quote. To be considered at the November meeting.

Adjournment:
Next meeting date: January 13, 2027

Somers Cemetery Committee
2027 meeting schedule

January 13

March 10

May 12

July 14

September 8

November 10