

## Somers Cemetery Minutes Regular meeting 5.13.2026

1. Call to order: 6:35
2. Members present: Elaine Freidman, Patricia Bachetti, Patricia Loftus (chair)  
Absent: David McCaffrey, David Morgan  
Guests: Danielle Urbon  
Requested: Brian Wissinger, absent
3. Public Comment: None present.
4. Vote to approve minutes from March 11, 2026 regular meeting. Motion to approve: Elaine Freidman 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Bachetti. Vote 3/0 passed.
5. Committee reports & guest reports:
  - a. Finance: See written report in the finance office
  - b. Sexton: Not present
  - c. Landscaping: Not present
  - d. Veteran's Affairs: Not present
  - e. DPW: Todd Rolland reported via email that the well in Center cemetery is not yet working. DPW crew is inspecting and working on a fix. (Ask DPW if New West spigot is on for the season.)
6. Old Business:
  - a. Review of any communications from Grever & Ward on the pinning of Center Cemetery's approved areas outside the center oval. No report from Mr. Wissinger.
  - b. Review on 1. All Funerals progress: Status for all grave owners (Center Cemetery only) to be available in digital format. No report from Mr. Wissinger..  
2. Morgan -Stanley report for all of 2025 and first quarter of 2026. No information submitted.
  - c. Chair's update of America 250 project. Approximately 47 residents of Somers of the more than 70 who became military for the American Revolution are buried in town. Names have been identified and marked as to the cemetery in which they are buried. (Old West & North). The committee will work with DG Graphics to establish yard sale sized signs to be placed at each identifiable grave site giving the name, rank, assigned military group and date of birth and death. The immediate work is to walk the cemeteries and find / mark the grave

sites where monuments are known to exist. (Wire marking flags have been purchased by the chair.)

7. New business:

a. Concern forms:

1. Finance office has a request from the Zentara family to sell back to the town a plot (405-B) for the original purchase price of \$800.00.

The family is out of state and not in need of it and the representative does have all of the proper paper work. Motion to approve: Pat Loftus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine Freidman. Vote to approve: 3/0.

2. From a previous discussion, not pertinent for this month's meeting.

3. Ellis site #903 using what appears to be a large metal window well for a perennial garden border. Photos were sent to Brian Wissinger and to the committee members of the equipment left on the ground unattended. A member of town staff removed the item and disposed of it. At some point later, (days or longer) a replacement piece was installed in the ground even after the person doing the work had been told by Mr. Wissinger it was against posted town rules. Motion from Pat Loftus: The client will not be reimbursed for the cost of any equipment (window well or other) at this time.

b. American 250 presentation completed in Old Business.

c. Concern about a Phase 3 for Woodcrest. Housing Authority representative Dave Pinney will join us at the July 8, 20206 meeting to update us on any plans.

d. Motion to approve a budget for signs educating the public about our Revolutionary War participants and to have road side signs (double sided) at North and Old West. Motion for a cap of \$1,000.00 to be applied to the America 250 project. M/Elaine Freidman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Bachetti. Passed 3/0.

e. Consideration of a donation to the Somers America 250 Committee. Discussion, no motion made at this time.

Adjournment: 8:00PM So moved.

Next meeting: July 8 2026

Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting.

Submitted by Patricia Loftus (chair)