

Somers Cemetery Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2026

1. Call to order: 6:31 PM
2. Members present: David McCaffrey, Patricia Bachetti, Elaine Freidman, Patricia Loftus (chair)
3. Public Comment: None present
4. Vote to approve minutes from the May 13, 2026 regular meeting. Motion to approve: Elaine F. , second: Pat B. 3/0 pass, 1 abstain (McCaffrey / absent)
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance: No update from Brian Wissinger. See business report from Danielle Urbon with totals.
 - b. Sexton: Not present.
 - c. Landscaping: Not present.
 - d. Veteran's Affairs: VA has purchased several medallions and flags to supply grave needs. Stone raising delayed.
 - e. DPW: Well repair at Center. No information forthcoming. No complaints so it seems to be in working order. Request information from Todd Rolland about second possible vehicle strike to the stone wall in front of Old West. Was a tree also struck? Pin oak in the driveway at Center seemed to be stressed. Needs to be checked.

Old Business:

- a. No update from Grever & Ward or Brian Wissinger except an email since the May meeting from Mr. Wissinger stating it would be 2-3 years out. Investigate our options on choice for pinning. Fewer pins?
- b. Request to be made again of All Funerals for a search tab for veteran's graves by deployment and military division. Link may be possible on town website. Possible QR code sign to be added at Center Cemetery.
- c. Project 250 – Volunteers needed to walk, search and flag North Cemetery for stones matching information available. One family has offered. Old West does not have a map presently available with large format copy to work from. D. McCaffrey has a digital copy and has been asked to share. A list of names is available but it will take a large team to search row by row and find the Revolutionary War veterans. A print out of any available map is needed.

d. Ellis site (Center Cemetery #903) Discussion, no vote.

Note: Dave Pinney is scheduled to be our guest at the Cemetery meeting in September.

a. Concern forms: 1. Center Cemetery area of lot # 113. Requester is not local. Larger tree appears to be stressed but is not dead yet. Ask Todd Rolland as tree warden to contact client and discuss possible replacement and cost.

b. Project 250 and beyond:

1, 2, 3, & 4. Digital mapping of North, New West, Old West with consideration of a different company to do the work as no sales are available or needed in these cemeteries. There is need for a company to create a publicly available search for military and historical figures. Discussion will be differed until September so that the contract in place for Center Cemetery can be checked as an exclusive for that location only.

Added item:

Motion and discussion to contact and perhaps contract with Jonathan Appell's company for substantial bracket supports for sandstone and marble tablets in Old West. Concern voiced that leaning tablets could be snapped off if bumped.

Motion to approve up to \$4999.99 for work. Motion: Elaine F., 2nd Pat B. Vote to approve 4/0. Chair will make contact and send photos for evaluation to J. Appell.

Adjournment: 7:35 PM

Next meeting date: September 9, 2026