

Somers Cemetery Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2026

1. Call to order: 6:32 PM
 2. Members present: David McCaffrey, Patricia Bachetti, Elaine Freidman, Patricia Loftus (chair)
 3. Public comment: None
 4. Vote to approve meeting minutes from July 9, 2026. 4/0 passed
 5. Guest speaker: David Pinney representing the Somers Housing Authority to inform the Committee of plans to expand Woodcrest and discuss how those plans might affect the Center Cemetery and its grounds, egress and aesthetics. There are now 146 units housing approximately 200 people. An addition of 20 units is in the design phase. It is unknown at this time how much land will be needed for this project. The Cemetery Committee has asked that we be kept in the loop for all meetings, discussions and hearings that affect the interests of this Committee.
 6. Committee reports:
 - a. Finance: 60 day report is available in the business office.
 - b. Sexton: N/A
 - c. Landscaping: N/A
 - d. Veteran's Affairs: Some medallions have been purchased by this office to replace damaged ones and also mark newer grave sites. Ground level markers have not yet been purchased.
 - e. NA
- Old Business:
- a. Center Cemetery lot #113 still needs to have a discussion between Todd Rolland and client. (stressed tree may need replacing)
 - b. According to the contract we do own the design and can have another company do the site pins. RFP needed to present to interested companies. Re-check at November meeting.
 - c. Anniversary review – one family has volunteered to help with grave searches.
 - d. Ellis site (Center cemetery # 903) Implementation of rules from 2014 as written and posted.

New Business:

a. Concern forms – New Business “c”. Request for a private 6 niche columbarium denied as it is larger than the size of a grave stone allowed on the site. A three plot site would be needed to accommodate 6 urns and design and dimensions must also be brought to the committee for discussion.

b. 250 and beyond – due to the late evening, plans for adding digital mapping and tab retrieval capabilities for military service as an example to be held over to the November meeting.

5. Old West wall repair. The Basche company of Ashford has done wall repair for us in the past and have a reputation of excellence in historic walls. The chair will make contact and request a quote for the November meeting.

Addition to the agenda: Fall Clean up requested for the week of November 16-20.
Motion to approve: Elaine, 2nd Pat B. Passed 4/0

Next meeting is November 18

Motion to adjourn 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Loftus (chair, interim secretary)