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# Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

## Meeting Minutes

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## Cemetery Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** July 10, 2024

**Members Present:** Kathy Cardiff - Chair, Rosemary Lindsey, Betsy Habberfield, Neal Strong, Peggy Wilson, Superintendent; Jen Holley, and Town Administrator; Paula Iken

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Agenda:

- I. Approval of April 3 & June 5, 2024 Minutes (no May meeting held)
- II. Explanation of Necessity of Zoom Inclusion for Meetings
- III. Superintendent's Report
- IV. Old, New, Other Business

### **I. Approval of April 3 & June 5, 2024 Minutes (no May meeting held)**

The Minutes of April 3rd & June 5th were unanimously approved by the committee one at a time.

A discussion about Private burials was brought up and talked about and we started the discussion that the State just sent me to the web link I gave them in my question to them..

### **II. Explanation of Necessity of Zoom Inclusion for Meetings**

Jen Holley gave a brief explanation of the Vermont Open Meeting Law and why the committee is now doing zoom meetings.

### III. Superintendent's Report

**Burials:** Since our last meeting there have been no burials.

**Lot Sales:**

- I Sold 1 grave in Center. For a Total of (\$1,050.00) To Linda Schab Lanoue. A-96 #7

**Lot Pinning System:**

There is no update yet on the South side situation, yet. I will have to table this until the August meeting because the back portion is not finished being pinned. I can't move on to the South side until I complete this. The Tree has been removed by DPW



### Headstone Cleanings & Repairs:

So far this calendar year a total of 50+ headstones have been repaired and or cleaned. You can view progress pictures here:

<https://shaftsburysvt.com/site-management-committee.php>

June 12<sup>th</sup> was a big cleaning day. Cleanings of: 15+ Stones



Here are a few Before and After Photos:

BEFORE		AFTER
		
		
		

#### **IV. Old, New, Other Business**

We talked about the person who Jen approached about joining the committee to replace Neal who wishes to retire. That person said he would think about it.

Kathy mentioned maybe meeting in the evening. No other responses to an evening meeting seemed to be positive. A few ideas were thrown around of ideas to gather more interest.

We briefly talked about inactive cemeteries again. And it is suggested that the Superintendent review the Digging Deep manual for the next meeting, so we can discuss private burials in inactive cemeteries. How many burials are in Little Rhode Island? When was the last burial in Little Rhode Island Cemetery?

Meeting adjourned at: 9:35am

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Holley, Cemetery Superintendent