

Regular Meeting

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**Mountain View Cemetery Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2026 @ 6:00pm
Orwell Town Clerk's Office
Virtual & Zoom**

Members:

Wayne Hall-Chair
Diane Jackson
Susan James
Arlene Batschelet
Sharon Macedo

Guests: None/in person or on zoom

Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm by Wayne Hall, Chair. Wayne welcomed Sharon who was elected to the Commission on 3/3/26. Jeff Wachelka did not seek a new term.

Election of Officers

- Diane nominated Wayne Hall for president. Arlene seconded. Passed.
- Arlene nominated Diane Jackson for treasurer. Sharon seconded. Passed.
- Diane nominated Sue James for secretary. Arlene seconded. Passed.

Secretary's Report: Diane Jackson moved and Arlene Batschelet seconded that the minutes of September 24, 2025 meeting be approved as printed. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Diane reported balances as of 3/19/2026

- Checking \$295.88
- Savings \$9,515.93
- CD \$19,907.67
- **Total Closing Balance:** \$29,719.48

Only expense was \$38.80 postage.

Sue moved and Arlene Batschelet seconded to accept. Price of mowing will probably make 2026 mowing higher.

Old Business:

- Discussed what needs to be done for the new North maps (adding names and verifying who is buried in plot).
- Hack fence repair was completed on 3/17/26
- Commissioner's Handbook: most recent copy was shared with members. Reviewed with Sharon.
- Will put fire wood at Coates Cemetery on Orwell Community Network page on Facebook.

- Share found a copy of “Digging Deep,” an information booklet from the state of Vermont.
- Discussed sign size and conformation to be put on the sing for cemetery. Arlene will check on “Established” date. Martha Hill (Historical Society) is looking into more info. Can get sing in 3 weeks once the design is set.
- Letters were sent by certified mail to local funeral directors asking for 24 hours notice before they do anything in cemetery.
- “Wet and Forget It” seems to have worked well to clean stones Arlene tried it on. It’s a product available at Aubuchon Hardware.

New Business:

- Need to set a date to place corner markers on plots
- Need to set a date for on-site map work. Team work on sections. Verifying who is buried in each plot.
- Historical Society would like to do cemetery tours (Coates, Hack, N. Orwell).
- Date for mapping night at cemetery.
- Need to get mowing contract out. Diane will post a spec sheet at FNBO, Post Office, Town Office. Bids will be due 4/5. Sue James moved, Arlene Batschalet seconded, motion passed.
- Reviewed some issues with the by-laws. Article 1, Section 5: supervisor on grounds? Article 2, Section 2, Corner markers are done by commission of a sale of a plot. May need a section on what decorations can be put on graves.
- Flags: we have 144 12”x18”. Need 174. We can only get them by the gross. Have 3 smaller that can be used for Catholic, Cotes and Hack. Will order 2 gross 12”x18” and one 6”x10” for green.
- Rustin Swensen has passed. They were going to bury him in California, but they actually own a plot in Mountain View. Scott Lilly (VA) owns lot 37 and 38 which are 8x10. Bought in 1966 for \$20/each. Would like to sell. There are people that might be interested.
- Evergreen Cemetery in Rutland is looking into “Tafo File” which would make a digital mapping of cemetery available online to locate grave sites.
- Wayne has purchased a 100’ measuring tape for commission. He will be reimbursed.
- New section of cemetery has no official survey. Need to get a grid laid out and marked. Wayne has talked to Tim Short Surveying. Sue talked to PAHCC Forestry to see if forestry class could do it.

Next Meeting: April 8, 6 p.m.

- No public comments.
- Diane moved, Sharon seconded that the meeting adjourn. Passed.