



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Cemetery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

4:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidal at 4:04 p.m.

Due to technical difficulties the meeting was not recorded.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Martha Reynolds
Commissioner Kristie Gardiner-Lundgren
Commissioner William Vidal III
Commissioner Christian Allyn
Commissioner Paul Krug
Alternate Member Vincent Godino

Also in attendance were:

Bruce Garstka
Paul Billing
Sue Billing

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Vin Godino was appointed as a voting member.

IV. FISCAL REPORTS

1. Fiscal Report.

The Committee have purchased the Veterans flags. The Commission requested \$5,000 for the 2027 fiscal year's budget, \$4,000 was proposed in the Mayor's Budget. Awaiting the Town Council vote for the increase to be approved. Chairman Vidal said he would check on the current budget amount remaining after purchasing the Veteran's flags.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. COMMITTEES

1. Flags.

Ms. Reynolds brought flags for each person to put at their assigned cemetery location. Ms.

Reynolds met with John Proctor to take flags to Avery Stoddard Cemetery, 320 flags in total. May 23rd, the Saturday before Memorial Day is the tentative day to plant the flags for the Veterans. A discussion was held to assign cemeteries to flag from the unassigned list.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Adopters.

Kristie Lundgren has agreed to become the adopter of Maintown Cemetery.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Veterans.

Ms. Reynolds shared two envelopes with lists of deceased Veterans in each, one from 2021 - 2022 and another from 2023 - 2024. The lists were received for the Town Clerk's Office. Chairman Vidal discussed going through the lists and finding the names in the cemetery books to identify the cemetery where each Veteran is located. Suggestion to research the background of three Civil War Veterans associated with Thomas Main.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2026, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: William Vidal, III

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VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Cemetery Book update.

Ms. Reynolds recommended placing the new book that Chairman Vidal is currently working on at local churches, libraries, and schools in town. Chairman Vidal is continuing to work on the updated cemetery book. Chairman Vidal also noted improvements on the website.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Restoration continued. **All restoration work MUST be fully completed by May 19, 2026, and payment requests must be submitted within 90 days of May 19, 2026**

Rocky's Landscaping and Kenneth Geer Stone Wall Construction have completed restoration projects at Maintown, Episcopal Churchyard, and Robert Stoddard Cemeteries.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Neglected Cemetery Grant Reimbursement timeline discussion. Payment request(s) must be submitted no later than 90 days from the end of the grant period. The end of the grant period is May 19, 2026.

Restoration must be completed within 90 days of May 19th, 2026, as detailed in the approved State Grant. Chairman Vidal will communicate with Christina Hostetler, Town Hall Assistant to discuss reimbursement requests to the State.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Committee.
None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers-
Chairperson/Treasurer.
Vice-Chairperson/Secretary.

Motion to ELECT Mr. William Vidal as Chairperson/Treasurer and Mr. Allyn as Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Christian Allyn

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2. Any Other New Business to Come Before the Committee.

Mr. Paul and Sue Billing stated they are seeking information regarding the application process for state grants for neglected stones. Ms. Gardiner-Lundgren provided a copy of the grant information. Mr. Paul and Sue Billing also requested to adopt a cemetery when a location is available. Mr. Godino stated he will review the current adopter list and check for any opportunities or current adopters seeking a replacement.

Mr. Bruce Garstka stated he is seeking information regarding any planned social events for adopters, Committee members, Cemetery Associations, and the public. Ms. Lundgren mentioned that she spoke with Pam Ball, Farmer's Market Chairperson, who said the Committee could reserve a booth on September 9, 2026. The event could be advertised on the Commission's Facebook page.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:11 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: William Vidal, III

SECONDER: Kristie Gardiner-Lundgren

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The next Committee meeting is on June 9, 2026.

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