



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Cemetery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidal at 4:03 p.m.
Chairman Vidal and the Committee Members introduced themselves to the visitors.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance was:
Bruce Garstka, Treasurer of the Lambtown Cemetery.
Julie Smith, Gales Ferry Cemetery Association Secretary.
Jen Millar, resident.

Paul Krug arrived at 4:39 p.m.

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Vin Godino was appointed as a voting member.

IV. FISCAL REPORT

1. Fiscal Report.

No change in the report since the last meeting.

V. COMMITTEES

1. Flags.

Ms. Reynolds reported that the Committee has 84 new flags and 31 old but fair condition flags.
In January the Committee will place an order for more flags.

Ms. Reynolds brought two medallions to the meeting to show the members the differences
between a plastic one and a metal one. She added that spray painting the plastic one bronze helps

with appearance. Ms. Reynolds reported that the Committee has 26 new medallions (which cost approximately \$24 each) and 17 of the older plastic ones.

She explained to the visitors that the Committee places approximately 860 flags on Veterans graves in Ledyard Cemeteries prior to Memorial Day. Often Boy Scouts and the VFW will assist the Committee.

Chairman Vidal asked Mr. Godino which cemeteries get refreshed in November, Mr. Godino answered Lambtown and Ledyard Center Cemeteries, approximately 40 flags for each cemetery. It was explained that it gets very windy in these two cemeteries, and the flags get tattered and weathered. Most of the other cemeteries are in wooded areas that are protected from the wind by trees.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Adopters.

Mr. Godino said there have been a few changes in adopters. Mr. Godino reported that Jim Higgins adopted Allyn-Spicer in addition to his responsibilities for the Christopher Avery Cemetery. Mr. Matthew Edwards has assumed responsibility for the Amos Stanton Cemetery, and Mrs. Robin Perkins has adopted the Levi Chapman Cemetery. Additionally, Mr. Godino contacted the Ledyard Rotary Club regarding overgrowth at the Latham-Hallet Cemetery; the Rotary Club successfully cleared the grounds. Mr. Godino noted that the Maintown Cemetery is still open for adoption.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Veterans.

Resident attendees contributed suggestions for gathering data on newly interred veterans, such as contacting local active cemetery associations to obtain updated burial lists for inclusion in the committee's roster of veterans requiring flags and medallions.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2025, as written.

Mr. Krug was not present for this vote.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Vincent Godino

ABSENT 1 Krug

2. Motion to APPROVE the Special Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2025, as written.

Mr. Krug was not present for this vote.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Christian Allyn

ABSENT 1 Krug

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. ROW - Right of Way continued.

No new developments were reported. During the meeting, attendee Mr. Garstka informed the committee that the historic Fox cemetery is located on his property and that he oversees its upkeep. This information is significant, as the cemetery was previously believed to be lost and can now be included in the committee's list of cemeteries for the upcoming Cemetery Book update.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Cemetery Book update.

Chairman Vidal is diligently preparing the Cemetery Book's Index and coordinating access to the Town's website to update cemetery records.

During this period, the Committee engaged in conversations with attending residents regarding strategies to enhance communication and collaboration with cemetery associations, schools, and other individuals who may wish to support the committee through participation in work parties, educational or fundraising efforts.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Discussion and possible vote to change the Committee meeting time from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. continued.

Motion to KEEP the Committee meeting time at 4:00 p.m.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Paul Krug

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4. Restoration continued.

The Committee has completed its review of the NCG contract. Following this assessment, it was concluded that the contract specifies four distinct project categories, each limited to certain locations and accompanied by an allocated budget. The details are as follows:

Clearing of Weeds, Briars, and Bushes - Episcopal Churchyard Cemetery- \$1500.

Mowing of Ground's Lawn Area - Maintown Cemetery- \$1500.

Repairing of Ground's Fences or Walls - Maintown Cemetery, Judge Williams Cemetery, Eldredge Cemetery- \$2000.

Straightening, Repair, and Restoration of Memorial Stones - Robert Stoddard Cemetery- \$3000.

Chairman Vidal will reach out to Mr. Geer regarding the work related to the repair of stone walls and headstones as outlined in the grant. Ms. Gardiner-Lundgren will initiate research into the procedures for procuring landscapers to complete the clearing and mowing projects specified in the contract. All project work must be finalized, and corresponding receipts submitted to the grant office

for reimbursement, within 12 months of the date of award. Date of Award: April 3, 2025.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Committee.

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Committee Member Reynolds, seconded by Committee Member Krug, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Martha Reynolds

SECONDER: Paul Krug

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