

## GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2026, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Valerie Hunter, Chair at 4:32 p.m.

Commissioners present: Brian Allen, Lucille Campbell, Sue Lawrence, Suzanne Sauv . Val Hunter was present on Zoom.

Guest: Steve More

Additions or Deletions: Brian added Driveway to Old Business

Minutes: Sue moved to accept the minutes of March 10, 2026. Suzanne seconded. Passed with all in favor.

Guest: Steve More, Town Road Foreman, reported on the issue with drainage and the culvert at the Village Cemetery. There is only a 12-inch pitch in the ditch from the cemetery driveway to the culvert under Rt. 2 at the Fitzgerald farm. One end of the culvert is higher than the other end by 4 inches. A new culvert could be put in but it still won't drain the pond on the east side of the fence. He can dig a trench under the fence which would help drain the standing water on the west side of the fence. He would move the new culvert back to the west to avoid digging up the apron at Rt. 2. Steve would need to check with the State to be sure there was no reason we could not put in another culvert. It would be this fall or next spring before he could do the job. He also suggested bringing in some fill for the low section by the fence, but the pond by the road would take a large amount of fill. The cost for a 20-foot culvert is about \$700; we might need a 30-foot culvert at a cost of about \$25 per foot. The Commission thanked Steve and understood that the problem won't be fixed this summer.

Administrative Report – Sue Lawrence

Financials: Report presented, only change was addition of interest amounts.

Lawn Care & Maintenance: nothing to report

Burials & Lot Sales: none to report

Old Business:

Driveway: Brian heard from Island Excavating today. They will begin work on the driveway around the old section this week.

Revisions to Rules and Regulations and Rules and Procedures were signed by all Commissioners.

Culvert: no further discussion after Steve's presentation. Matter is tabled until Fall.

Cemetery Data – NEMRC update: Lucille mentioned that an issue with using tablets or I-phones to do GPS and take photos is that the battery lasts only about an hour. Val and Sue suggested that an external battery charger might help. No further discussion.

New Business:

CD Renewals: Reviewed minutes of Dec. 10, 2024 and Nov. 11, 2025 that \$4,000 will be moved from the Money Market to the Trust/Perpetual Care CD upon renewal this month.

Trust Fund CD (\$19, 543.48) matures on May 28.

Land Fund CD (\$106,716.71) matures on May 28.

Improvements Fund CD (\$32, 214.53 from cashing stocks) matures in early June.

Brian moved that Sue will select the best rate and term for all 3 CDs. Suzanne seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Lawn Care – Gas surcharge. The concern was that Jesse will not be able to do the work for \$45 per hour because of the steep increase in the price of gas per gallon. Sue mentioned that we had discussed having to use money from the Money Market to cover lawn care charges if it exceeded the budgeted amount. Brian moved that we accept any necessary gas surcharge on the lawn care contract. Sue seconded. Suzanne recused. Motion passed, 4 in favor, 1 recusal.

Trimming shrubs: Jesse wanted guidance on what can be trimmed. Consensus was that he can trim anything that is in the way. We will mark those that can be removed.

Placing flags – Memorial Day. Flags will be placed Sunday, May 17 at 9 a.m. with a rain date of Friday, May 22. Mike Tranby has flags coming. The Masons are paying for them. Brian will dispose of the old flags. Lucille will do a FPF posting at the end of April asking for volunteers with Sue and Lucille as contacts. Suanne will place the flags at Hoag Cemetery.

Flag donation: Lucille reported that the Grand Isle Historical Society will provide historical flags with 13 stars for the Revolutionary War soldiers' graves. The flags will be placed just before July 4<sup>th</sup> so as not to interfere with the Memorial Day placement. It will be a second flag for the grave and will not replace the flag in the standard.

May meeting: Consensus was to cancel the May 12 meeting, but if necessary we can have a special meeting later in the month.

Brian moved to adjourn. Sue seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. Next meeting June 9, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary