

**April 16, 2025
Town of Lyme
Emergency Meeting 4:00 P.M.**

Call to Order:

Supervisor Millington called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Those present included Supervisor Millington, Deputy Supervisor Donovan, Councilmember Farrell, Councilmember Gosier, Deputy Clerk Serena Beach, Matthew Tucker, Heather Lipczynski, Lynda Jackson, Robin Grovesteen, Renee Pettey, and Jennifer Kingsley.

Absent was Councilmember Bourquin.

A discussion took place regarding how to begin the Cedar Grove Cemetery conversation, and it was agreed that starting with pricing would be most appropriate. Julia Gosier, Tom Donovan, and Heather Lipczynski contributed input specifically on the pricing of cemetery lots.

Current pricing is as follows:

\$550.00 for lots at New Cedar Grove with no lots for sale at Old Cedar Grove

\$500 for full interment (not advised) + \$450

Resolution 2025-82: Deputy Supervisor Donovan made a motion to keep the Cedar Grove Cemetery pricing the same. Councilwomen Gosier seconded; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Discussion began on the current condition of the Cedar Grove Cemetery and actions to take moving forward.

Currently many headstone bases were not set deep enough and they are falling over as they are not below the frost line. Going forward Tom suggested a standard for 48" for all new graves.

Wilson's recommends a one-time claim against certain homeowner's policies per Heather.

There was a discussion as to where records would be kept as there is not sufficient space in the Town Hall. It was questioned if these records qualified as historical and if they could be stored at the Heritage Center. Julie expressed concern as they wouldn't be protected there.

Julie suggested an interview committee and discussed with Tom and Jim.

Robin brought up that the position has not yet been created through the county and shouldn't be advertised yet. She recommended Heather to be appointed as a temporary position. Jim asked Deputy Clerk Beach to research this, as well as temporary status, salary and specific title names.

Discussion regarding Julie's position running TMB Cemetery came up and she revealed that she got the position by default as an elected official not a town employee.

In an effort to get as much work done as possible the current salary of \$300 was disclosed. It was suggested that the position of Cemetery Administrator would be paid out of the general fund and reimbursed out of the funds turned in by the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Resolution 2025-83: A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Donovan to advertise for a temporary admin position for \$300 per month until December 31, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember; all in favor and the motion was carried.

There was a discussion regarding the mowing contract. The need for cleanup prior to mowing. The mowing will be proceeding as per bid. A committee will be appointed at a later date.

Robin did want to discuss zoning and code enforcement issues about a property in disrepair near the cemetery.

Adjournment

Resolution 2025-84: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to adjourn 5:08 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully,

Serena Beach

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Deputy Town Clerk