

THOMASTON CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TCBT)
Thursday, Dec 18, 2025 - 4:00 P.M. Meeting
THOMASTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING - Select Board Room

1) Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm. Present: Chairman Ryan Fitzpatrick, Will Eustis, Rod Grindel, Pete Lammert, Sue Christensen, Peggy McCrea and alternate Prudy Netzorg. Kara George and Jodell Benson were present from the Town Office. Ron Gamage excused.

2) **Motion** to enact Breen Amendment to discuss budget. Rod/Will 6/0

3) **New Business**

a) **FY27 Budget:** Kara and Jodell reviewed and clarified the 2026-2027 fiscal budget. (see attached) Any unspent monies can be put in reserve for use in the in the following year. So far this year we are behind in revenue but may pick up in the spring. An increase of \$1392 in the Hall's crematory lease appears in next year's budget but will be a wash item due to increased expenses. The amount from the Cemetery Trust Fund is up \$900 to \$25,000. Ryan requested that a copy of the most recent monthly budget be made available for future monthly meetings for planning purposes. The Trustees will review the budget at next meeting and make any changes at that time.

b) **Alternate Clarification:** Ordinance Change Proposal, Alternate Board Member Language: Based on a discussion to clarify the make-up of the Cemetery Board of Trustees membership outlined in the "Cemetery Ordinance Section 106.1.1 Appointment and Composition b." the following motion was made. Reference to the role of the Town Clerk at meetings will also be clarified.

Motion: Ryan will propose a revision of the alternate member appointment procedure and ask if the Town Clerk might provide a monthly report of cemetery activity to the Trustees. Ryan/Sue 6/0

4) **Project Updates:**

a) **Cemetery Sign Repair:** See attached proposal from Adventure Advertising in which the date of 1802 as establishment date was added to the signage. Pete provided a photo a sign that would include additional detailed cemetery information and suggested we have two for each entry that would include/replace the sign under discussion. It was pointed out that this would be a change to the size and need Planning Board approval. It was suggested we move forward with the current sign proposal from Adventure Advertisement with a quote of \$233.96.

Motion: Approve the sign as submitted by Adventure Advertising including the date and Dusk to Dawn and work on the details of additional signage as proposed by Pete. Rod/Peggy 6/0 Ryan will follow up.

b) **Avenue Post:** The prison submitted a proposal for the Avenue Post design. The lettering will be black on a white background but there should be a larger space than indicated between AVE and its Number printed below. Pete will pick up 22 eight-foot posts that will allow six feet above ground buried two feet deep.

Motion: Ryan to respond to prison with the proposed change for the Avenue Posts of black lettering on white background by adding more spacing between Ave and Number. Rod/Sue 6/0

Motion: Approve purchase of wood by Pete to make 22 posts. Rod/Ryan 6/0

c) **MOCA Membership** - Ryan has received no confirmation of the Trustees membership. Sue suggested checking the website to see if we are members and noted there are no membership cards mailed.

5) **Motion:** Approval of Oct 23, 2025 minutes as corrected. Corrections made to spelling of Prudy's last name; changing Ave Post signs to white background with black letters and removal of errant typo "s" in #3. Sue/Peggy 5/0 Will abstained.

6) Ryan thanked the members involved with providing the Elm Grove Cemetery tour as part of the Thomaston Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct 25th at 2 and 4 p.m. There were about 25 attendees led by Ron, Rod and Peggy.

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7) Sexton Report: The water was drained in October and the toilet winterized. The mowing crew pointed out to Pete that the toilet was not working. The eastern ends of Sections 7, 8, and 9 have pin oaks and scarlet oaks that drop their leaves late so were not removed. Flowers were removed and put in the trailer by the maintenance building and were disposed of yesterday. Pete reports that it was unusual in that he had no complaints this year. Frances and Gals Hernandez with her scouts install the veteran flags every year. Some of the flags were not hemmed and frayed throughout the summer so are not fit for use. It was suggested that we have a work party to sort through the boxes of flags in the maintenance building and separate those that are still acceptable and dispose of the rest.

8) Assistant Sexton: Not present

9) Next meeting: Thursday, Jan 22, 2025 at 4 p.m.

10) Public Comment: None

11) Motion to Adjourn: 5:29 p.m. Ryan/Will 6/0

Submitted by Peggy McCrea, Secretary