Woodstock Cemetery Committee
Minutes

Thursday, August 20th, 2026 at Fire Company #1

Attending: Teri Reynolds, Chair; Catherine Carberry, Debbie Hastie, Ken Keefe, Janine Mower, Tana O'Sullivan

Absent: Councilman Reggie Earls, Liaison

Excused: Bob Gordon

Guests: **None**

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM

Motion by Debbie, 2nd Janine, to accept the minutes of July 23rd, 2026 - All in favor.

Chairperson's Report: Had asked Bob to call Vern Rist to see where we are with our plan. Bob said he did call but has not heard back from Vern as of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. New Sections(s) of Cemetery – Ken Keefe: No changes, the stake out is complete. Ken put the pins in the ground for the corners of the actual area for the new Section I. The wood stakes are labeled. Al was there when Ken did it. Ken has not been able to get to other section down by Shea's house. Teri would like to get the sonar report out for Ken to review. At the area by Shea's house the sonar report will tell us if there are unmarked burials. Janine would like to see that area marked. Supervisor Anula should also have the sonar report. She knows that Ken is available to her if she has any questions.

B. Historical Grant – Janine: Teri and Janine working on the stakes, trying to select the right thing for the QR code to be put on. She reached out to Laura Ricci to post the bios up on the website and to ascertain if she's the one to work with the QR code. Teri went to Timely Signs; they had two different quality small sized signs. They will be about 4 inches square at $100 apiece so Teri is shopping around. Janine states that video is 80% ready to go except for the September 3rd event. She will slide in those pictures on September 3rd.

C. Revolutionary War Vets Markers - Debbie & Teri: We're hoping Taylor Monuments will be calling this week to let us know when they are coming to install grave markers. Al will be made aware as to when they are coming so he can have the sites prepared.

Sub-Committee Reports

A. Fundraising – Debbie: We received a $20 donation this month. Have not received a new report from Dawn.

B. Headstone Cleaning – Catherine: She is ready to have the postcards printed next week and then will work with Janine to disseminate. We are also requesting reimbursement for supplies purchased in the spring. Teri can seek out Houst or Herzog's where we have an account to see if we can pick up the supplies there. Process is to get receipt and pick up a voucher.

NEW BUSINESS

A. American Legion Ceremony for Revolutionary War Vets 9/3/26 at 1:00pm: Janine put Teri in touch with the Legion Commander, Ray Bryant. She explained what we are doing, he was very interested and is going to talk to fellow Legion members and get back to her with dates. As it turned out, 9/3 is best for the Legion. But since we don't know when Taylor Monuments is coming, we may have to move the date. Teri to call Taylor Monuments to inform them of 9/3 plans in hopes that they can accommodate us.

B. Colony Request to Park in Cemetery – Anula called Teri re Colony 's request to park a few cars in the cemetery for a function this fall. One committee member questions people leaving a party and possibly damaging or knocking over stones in an effort to depart. Another asks what if there is a funeral service taking place. It is pointed out there is a giant parking lot directly across the street. There is a suggestion that the Town could give waivers for the parking lot or Colony could pay for parking. Another member thinks using the cemetery for parking is not an appropriate use for the Cemetery, especially given that there are two parking lots right there. Setting a new precedent is not good. Another remembers that last year during the Pride parade the cemetery was full of parked cars. It is pointed out that this is why we need our gate. It shouldn't be necessary to have to put up "no parking "signs in the cemetery, another member points out. It is pointed out that at these events participants are not being told not to park in the cemetery. Backing up on tombstones does happen. Committee members recommend that Teri not meet with Colony people because this is a Town issue. The Town and the Colony can work on arrangements for the paid parking that is available. Disabled, elderly, and persons with physical challenges should not be parking in and walking from the Cemetery. There is a side entrance behind the Colony that has no steps and leads to the parking lot; versus the front door which has steps a potential challenge for the

elderly guests. The Committee recommends Teri make Anula aware of the committee's unanimous recommendation. The Cemetery closes at 8pm.

Motion by Ken, 2nd by Janine, to not accept the proposal and that the Colony not be permitted to have their guests park at the cemetery. Unanimous support.

C. **New Gate –** Further **discussion** is needed during budget time in October. As stated in previous minutes, Fishcreek Ironworks constructed a new gate that was ready to be installed after new posts were constructed. Gate was not installed as planned - - previous supervisor after initially agreeing to installation of new gate abruptly changed his mind**.**

D. **Facebook posting by Jeffrey Alan Cella–** This person is encouraging people on his "Hudson Valley Cemetery Explorers" FB page to visit the cemetery to have a picnic. People have been posting comments on his page as to why this is not a good idea. The cemetery is a respected place and not a place for picnics. Debbie expresses concern about cleaning up after picnics. A family who saw this person's video objected to their loved one's tombstone that appeared in this video. There are no trashcans, tables or infrastructure to support large groups engaging in activities in the cemetery. Ken points out the pavilion is for large public gatherings. Woodstock is not a target; Alan seems to be exploring all cemeteries. He also seems to be a photographer. He did point out on his site that the Woodstock Farmer's Market is on Wednesdays so that might be a good day to schedule a picnic in the cemetery. Catherine recommends adding a post to his page to remind the public to be respectful, that if you bring anything in to then bring it out. Teri does not want to encourage. Janine likes the idea of a **P**ublic **S**ervice **A**nnouncement that will share some of the rules & regs about no parking, no picnicking, carry in carry out. We are working hard to keep it a beautiful spot. Catherine and Janine to work on a statement. Teri thinks a statement would be beneficial. Janine to compare rules & regs online to our written regs.

Motion by Janine, 2nd by Debbie: that Janine and Catherine will put together a PSA about use of the Town Cemetery property. It will be sent to the committee for review before being sent to the town. Unanimous support.

Motion to close by Janine, 2nd Tana, all in favor.

The next WCC meeting will be on Friday, October 23rd at 9am, at Fire Co #1.