

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 15, 2026—Ken brought restored funeral bronze plaques for Harry Bartlett & Bertha Thurlow—mentioned meeting April 30, 2026 at 6:30***changed to April 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM at town hall & Matt Anderson will join in “A DAY OF CARING” at Maple Grove Cem. as a day workshop on May 15, 2026.

I delivered on April 18, 2026 Harry Bartlett plaque to Parsons Cemetery & Bertha Thurlow plaque to Hartford Center Cem. I picked some dirt/moss away from several foot stones where only very tops showing—noted a round metal disc where a footstone might be on HM 1884***Howard Maxim—first time I have ever seen this marker—also Lianne sent me pictures of gravestone one depicting Helen Keating-gray stone unreadable & a bracket of metal—(once upon a time there was Keating/Chickering, Stetson & Richardson schoolhouses which by 1996 an article was passed to build UNION SCHOOL by closing down the three schools.

April 28, 2026—meeting called to order @ 6PM; present: Ken & Cindy Violette; Sue & son, Rusty Goulet, Dave & Kathy Theriault, Walter Thomas, Me/lp’---Sue Goulet was welcomed as a new member—Keith Stebbings sent welcome greeting—

LP mentioned @ Hartford Center Cem. there are many footstones with only tops showing—Keating gravestone, slate & ornamental bracket was found

The CARING DAY is scheduled to meet at Maple Grove. Cem. May 15, 2026 at 9 AM to 2 PM-----Matt Anderson has a class of 7-8 & Joel’s son is planning to sign up—the subject of Pine Shore group meeting the same day with Steve Elsmann—decided to invite them to our planned lunch of grilled hot dogs & hamburgers (paid for by Ken) as there is no bathrooms, Sue is making arrangements with Big Apple & possible a donation of water or snacks.

The program will have filling of sunken graves, tripod demonstration, collect old flags & place new flags on veterans graves, probing, cleaning. Sue mentioned a history lesson as a school follow up—we would have data on some grave & students would write a thesis as promoting education.

It was suggested that the flag dispensers of each cemetery assess the proper mowing has been done & as new mower as of July 1, this assessment would indicate if the final check would be paid for the year 2025-26. Flags will be delivered as the following: Lorraine Parsons (Parsons & Hartford Center); Walter Thomas (Sparrow, Oakes Thompson & Mcfarland/Poland); the Rileys will be asked to do the (Soule); Dave & Kathy Theriault (Glover); Sue Goulet (Meeting House Hill); (Swan Pond); (Blake); (Fuller); (Jackson); (Ricker/Howard); school class—(Maple Grove); Sue will do backyard to Lori Swan & Valerie(Linda Porter’s daughter)

WALTER THOMAS IS RECEIVING “SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD”--CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!at the town meeting in June. Walter has purchased gravestones for the paupers with no names but will have “KNOWN TO GOD” imbedded on the

stone..a very generous gift also previously had purchased gravestones for replacement of funeral bronze plaques at Oakes Thompson cemetery. Thank you.

The money balance is \$189.86; the budget committee has built in a reserved \$800--voted on @ town meeting;so the increase will total \$989.86 if article passes--.

This report will be officially reported May 15, 2026 for acceptance ; then given to Lianne, town clerk;then select board.

submitted(lp) lorraine parsons

Meeting called May 15, 2026--minutes read & accepted _____