

Peacham Cemetery Preservation Committee

(DRAFT) Meeting Minutes: Saturday March 28, 2026 10:00 am Peacham Café

Present: Wendy Morgan, Karen Lewis, Kalanani Gallas, Dave Stauffer, Kathy Buck

1. Kathy was selected to be the Recorder/Minute Taker for the meeting
2. **Review of Natural Burial Information Sheet** – Wendy presented Draft 2 of this document. When finalized, this document would be provided to any individual who is interested in a Natural Burial at the Main Peacham Cemetery. The committee made several grammatical and descriptive changes to the document – Wendy will make corrections. The committee discussed the lay-out of the burial plots. In addition to the burial plots, the Committee recommends that we allow for a 30 foot gap for farm equipment access along the fence row. Also the plot design should include a 10 foot non-burial row for excavator equipment access to dig the graves. We also need to make it clear that once a person is interred in a natural burial plot it cannot be reopened. In addition to the Information Sheet, the committee identified several questions about the Natural Burial Site to discuss with Joe Mangan.
 - Should an individual burial plot be 10X10 or 15X15 ?
 - Are family members allowed to DIG the grave? Are there potential insurance/liability issues?
 - Will we allow Cremation ashes in the Natural Burial site?
 - Will Corner Stones be utilized in the Natural Burial site?
3. **Review of Draft Application for Purchase of a Lot in the Peacham Cemetery** – The committee reviewed a Draft prepared by Wendy.
 - I. Persons eligible for interment – clarification is needed for the number of interments allowed in a single grave (1 casket or 4 urns?) it is not stated in the Cemetery Policies
 - II. Lot prices have not increased since 2020. We agreed that there should be a price increase. Wendy will contact some other cemeteries to see what they charge. Non-residents (C.) change to allow for no requirement or connection to townspeople of Peacham. And Why must this purchase be approved by the Select Board ? This seemed unnecessary.
4. **Plan Meeting with Joe – Saturday April 25, 2026 10-12:00 Natural Burial Site**
 - **Which trees need to be taken down and replaced?**
 - **Discuss plantings for the Natural Burial site**
 - **Discuss questions in section 2 above**
 - **Discuss flags for all veterans graves for the 250th celebration. Who is responsible for identifying the graves and placing the flags?**

The Commttee decided to table #5 (future plantings) & 6 (cremation garden)

The meeting adjourned at 11:45