Town of Glover
Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2026 5pm at Glover Public Library

Present: Joan Alexander, Sandy Kepler, Nick Ecker-Racz and Cindy Epinette
Absent: Amy Wright and Deb Wesoja

1. Joan called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes**: **The minutes were approved and signed.**
3. **Financial Update**: Cindy stated the balance in the checking account is $20,059.24, CD balance is $86,917.45 and Stone Repair Savings is $12,950.33. The general fund distributed the 2026 budget allocation to the Cemetery fund. Jon Perkins settled up most of the cemetery fees from the 2025 burials, we've already received donations from the appeal letter and we've received $1,090.90 in interest as of 4/30/26. Mowing season has begun, we've paid for the survey completed on the donated land in Westlook I and paid the lawyer fee associated with the donated land.
4. **Donation letter is out**: The 2026 appeal letter was mailed on May 21st. We've already received several donations.
5. **Mission Statement**: Cindy did some research on the internet of suggested wording and guidance when creating a mission statement. After some discussion a draft statement was developed: "The Glover Cemetery Commission has a responsibility to plan for, maintain," establish rules and regulations and monitor the financial health of all Glover public cemeteries. More discussion will be scheduled for the next meeting.
6. **Sign Update**: Joan heard back from Ben Wells at North Country Career Center. They will not be able to create the sign before the end of the school year. They are still interested in creating the sign, but perhaps next fall. Nick volunteered to contact Glenn Mazzatta and enlist his services to create a sample "West Glover Cemetery" sign. Nick will bring the sample back for the Commissioners to review. Cindy asked Nick if a sign could be created for "Section B", "Section C" and "Green/Natural Burial Section" for Westlook II as well. This will help guide people in locating an appropriate burial site.
7. **Death Café Update:** Joan is planning to attend her first death café in a few weeks, Sandy spoke with Kelsey Crelin. Deb & Amy are researching hosting a Death Café.
8. **July 18: Community Work bee at Westllook:** A work bee has been scheduled for July 18th from 9am – Noon. Grave stones will be cleaned, some stones will be repaired and/or straightened.
9. **Correctional work crew**: Joan has not contacted Paul Trucott to enlist the help of the prison work crew to replace the fence posts at French and Andersonville cemeteries yet. It was suggested Andersonville Cemetery be a priority, in order to remove the posts from the field.
10. **Fee Structure**: postpone
11. **Review Goals for this year**: Toward the end of 2025 we discussed and compiled a list of goals for the coming year. We reviewed them.

Some goals from the list we have already accomplished:
(a) Veteran flags placed with 5th & 6th graders at Westlook I
(b) Decide on workbee schedule and outreach
(c) Complete the gift transfer of buffer strip at Westlook I

Other goals we kept:
(a) Replacing the fences at French and Andersonville cemeteries,
(b) Finish signage at French, West Glover and Andersonville Cemeteries,
(c) Create a sub-committee to research providing winter burials in the green/natural burial Section. Sandy volunteered to be part of this sub-committee.

(d) Commemorate unmarked graves in French and West Glover cemeteries,
(e) Create a brochure for "At Home" burials,
(f) Discuss affordability of burials
(g) Finish updating the rules and regulations
(h) Working on landscaping in the Memorial Garden in Westlook II. Nick volunteered to help Joan collect the day lilies being donated by a homeowner in Barton. Nick reported the redbuds don't appear to have taken root, but he will source 3 redbud saplings.

Goals that are postponed to another year are:
(a) Creating a library of cemetery related books as resource materials.
(b) Investigate body composting, "terramation",
(c) Reclaiming south side of burial area in Westlook I (cleaning up the barbed wire and removed any garbage that has been thrown in that area.

Goals that we dropped:
(a) Create a plaque for scattered ashes

Goals that were added:
(a) Finish land survey/transfer of additional area at West Glover
(b) Figure out plans for marker/boulder with names/dates for Memorial Garden

18. **Other:** Joan went to Westlook I with Glover students, to place flags on the Veterans' graves. Cindy suggested accepting Nick's proposal to use metal markers to designate green burial graves until they are purchased, Nick indicated Tricia sent Cindy an email with the survey plans for West Glover. Cindy will check her email and forward it to all the Commissioners. Cindy received an inquiry about the north section of Westlook I, and whether the corner section is going to be used as grave sites. The Commissioners are inclined to sell that space but need to review it again to be sure.

9. **Adjourn:** Nick made a motion, seconded by Joan, to adjourn at 6:48pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

Cindy Epinette
Cemetery Sexton

Joan Alexander

Nick Ecker-Racz

Deb Wesoja

Amy Wright

Sandy Kepler