

**Cemetery Commission
P.O. Box 203
Bakersfield, VT 05441**

MINUTES

Special Meeting April 16,2024

The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

Commissioners Present: Ron Marcotte, Heather Tanner, and Linda McCall

Visitors: None

- Ron Marcotte made the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Heather Tanner. Voted in favor of the motion: 3-0

- The Executive Session was held for a period of approximately 10 minutes. Ron Marcotte made the motion to end the Executive Session and Heather Tanner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Ron Marcotte made the motion to appoint Janet Machia to a vacancy on the Cemetery Commission for the period of five (5) years. Heather Tanner seconded the motion. Janet was appointed to the position by unanimous vote.

Ron asked about the authority of the Cemetery Commission to appoint Cemetery Commissioners to vacancies. Guidance on this authority is provided by VT State Statutes ...

**1). Title 18 : Health Chapter 121 : Cemeteries Subchapter 002 :
Town Cemeteries (Cite as: 18 V.S.A. § 5373)
§ 5373. Cemetery commissioners**

When a town votes to place its public burial grounds under the charge of cemetery commissioners, it shall elect separately a board of three or five cemetery commissioners, who shall have the care and management of such burial ground and exercise all the powers, rights, and duties with respect to such care and management; and all responsibility on the part of the selectboard shall cease.

2). VLCT Handbook for Vermont Town Officers, July 2014, page 13:

The cemetery commissioners (and not the selectboard) may appoint individuals to fill vacancies on the board until the next annual meeting, even if a majority of the positions on the commission are vacant. 18 V.S.A. § 5374.

- Annual Meeting will be held on April 25th at 5:30 PM.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 PM was made by Ron Marcotte and seconded by Heather Tanner. So voted 3-0

Minutes submitted by Linda McCall.

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