

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER FOR THE LOT OWNERS AND MEMBERS OF THE HAINES FALLS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING DIRECTORS AND PREVENTING ABANDONMENT HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025, AT 5:30 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK**

Present:	Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Ernest Reale	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor

Others Present: Bruce and Beverly Feml

Absent:	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to open the Public Hearing at 5:30 PM.

Supervisor Mahoney states the cemetery is being abandoned.

Beverly Feml states the association has \$71,000 in assets and are asking the town to take over the cemetery. She adds she and Bruce have been taking care of this cemetery for 47 years.

Supervisor Mahoney states it is the will of the Town Board to take over the Haines Falls Cemetery. They will need minutes of this public hearing supplied to the NYS Cemeteries Board as well as a legal copy of the notice of the ad for the meeting, the Feml's resignation and the Town Board resolution accepting the cemetery.

At that time, the town can use the abandoned application to apply for funding for the following things: two mowers, monument repairs, road repairs, new shed, and tree removal. This is a one-time funding source.

Town Attorney Jason Kovacs will be handling the transfer of the real estate assets. As far as the investment, checking and savings accounts, they would need to be written as checks to the Town of Hunter with Haines Falls Cemetery written in the memo to close out those accounts.

Beverly Feml states there is a perpetual care account where people have paid a \$200 perpetual care fee to have the money set aside for maintenance of the cemetery. She adds they had been told that any interest earned on the accounts, including the perpetual care funds, could be used to maintain the cemetery. The interest covered the maintenance costs, which were approximately \$3,000 per year, until the rates fell, which forced them to use money from the investment account

to maintain the cemetery. After an audit, they were informed that they could no longer do that so they then either had to ask the town for funds or do a fundraiser. She adds that if a town takes over a cemetery, they can use the investments funds for maintenance.

Supervisor Mahoney states the Town would like to place the funds into a separate investment account with NY Class to use the interest to maintain the cemetery.

The Town Board acknowledges the 47 years of dedicated service given by Bruce and Beverly Feml.

Bruce and Beverly Feml will submit an official resignation to the Town.

L. Hamrah-Poladian would like to hold off on the transfer of funds until all the necessary documents are filed with the NYS Division of Cemeteries.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to close the Public Hearing at 5:46 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Councilman Legg)

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Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter