<u>Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes</u>

March 15, 2011



Members Present: Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, Beth Butler and Mary Brundage. Absent: Shelly Merriam

Call to order at 7:12 PM.

Minutes of November 17, 2010 accepted and signed.

Motion made to accept the minutes of November 17, 2010 made by Beth and seconded by Roy.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Trust Account Balances: Sheryl has reviewed all cemetery trust accounts and accounts are all balanced.
- 2. Roy has noticed that cement road barriers have been placed in front of the old road/right of way that leads to Bassett Cemetery #4 off at 244 Henry Street. Did Town place them or near-by landowner? Sheryl will speak with Ben Sherman, DPW manager.
- 3. Chris Cota has cleaned out old branches and cut down shrubs from the back area of the George Aldrich Cemetery # 16. At the Quaker City Cemetery #23, Chris completed the cutting of brush & Shrubs on the left side of cemetery, up to the exposed rock ledge. And Morse Cemetery #17, Chris cut and removed a fallen tree.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Veterans Flags for Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Beth and Roy to order the same amount of flags as last year. Date set for placing new flags and holders set for Sunday, May 22, 2011. Time to start: 8:00 AM at St. Mary's Cemetery.
- 2. Faith Fellowship Church's Sunday of Volunteering is scheduled for May 8th the first Sunday of the month.
- 3. Annual Cemetery Fund Raiser: Sheryl has submitted a copy of the April 2011 letter for review. Jill to update mailing lists for next meeting

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 15, 2011 at the Farnum House

Motion made to adjourn at 7:57 PM by Beth, seconded by Mary. Unanimous.



Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee April 2011

Dear Friend of our Uxbridge Cemeteries:

Thank you for your past support of the Historic Cemetery Committee. As you know, we receive no money from the town of Uxbridge, so we must rely on the generosity of donors and local businesses to help us preserve and restore these treasured sites.

Last year the committee began the process of registering all the cemeteries with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. This will ensure that our cemeteries are protected and preserved for future generations. This process requires documentation of the historical significance of the cemetery, documentation of the origin of the cemetery, information about the families/people buried in the cemetery, map documentation and pictures of the cemetery.

Last summer, several members repaired and reset stones at the Albee Cemetery. Brush removal and tree cutting was done at the Southwick Cemetery, George Aldrich Cemetery, Morse Cemetery and Quaker City Cemetery.

This spring committee members will be making a tour of the cemeteries to make a list of maintenance projects. We will then determine the costs associated with each project and make a priority list for our projects. We will continue to provide summer maintenance for 15 of the cemeteries.

One project this year will be to continue to document each cemetery by taking pictures of each individual headstone. These pictures will be put into a notebook and then placed in the research room at the Uxbridge Public Library. Four cemeteries have been completed and are available for research purposes.

Once again we are asking you to give us a hand by making a donation for the summer 2010 maintenance of our cemeteries. Whatever you can spare is appreciated. No amount is too small, or too large. With your donations, we can continue to maintain 15 of our 31 cemeteries that are not privately owned.

Make checks payable to: <u>Town of Uxbridge-Cemetery Donations Fund</u>. **Send your donation to:**

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Gratefully,
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U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2011

Approved unanimously on Tuesday, April 19, 2011:

Dill C. Kenrich
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Mary & Brundage
Skeryl S. Romasco

Respectfully submitted, Jill Kenrick Secretary Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee