

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

Sept. 20, 2011

Members Present: Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, Shelly Merriam, Beth Butler and Dierdra Cahill.

Call to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of July 19, 2011 accepted and signed.

Motion made to accept the minutes of July 19, 2011 made by Beth and seconded by Sheryl.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bassett Cemetery# 4/Rockmeadow Road Extension: Nothing new to report. Sheryl to discuss matter with new Town Manager, Sean Hendrick.
2. Update on Accounts & Trust Funds' Balances: Account balances are based from the end of August 2011, and all stated figures are correct.
1. Signs for Cemeteries: For those cemeteries which still need to have their historic signs placed at the entrances: All signs are ready for placement, but the hot & humid weather has stalled this work. Community volunteer will undertake work in the fall season. The 12 signs and posts will be placed by the volunteer, with Sheryl and husband, Harry, overseeing the work.
3. Starrett monument still in storage area at Uxbridge Highway Department; getting this moved to Farnum House and into the cellar requires heavy lifting and navigation through the bulkhead entrance to cellar.
4. Buffum Cemetery #25: Mary's lawnmower needs repair/replacement and currently unable to mow cemetery grounds. **Motion made by Beth, to have Chris Cotta mow Buffum Cemetery grounds for a final mowing of the season, if Mary is unable to get the mowing done. Seconded by Roy. Unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Community Service Day at Uxbridge High School: All day, Thursday, October 20th, high school students will volunteer their services for community needs. Quaker City Cemetery#23, 50 Providence Street has been chosen as the site for clean-up of leaves and brush by the volunteering students. Jill and husband Frank, will oversee the work. Jill to let committee members know at next meeting if a borrowed truck will be available for transport of leaves/brush to Town's compost site.

2. Blackstone Valley Cemetery Network: The Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor has established a collaborative of local groups involved in historical cemetery preservation , with the first meeting held on Sept. 16, 2011. The group defined its role as having two purposes: a.) to foster discussion of issues and ideas specifically related to repair, maintenance, and restoration of cemeteries; b.) to conduct group projects that are specifically related to repair, maintenance and restoration of cemeteries. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, October 27, 2011 in Woonsocket, RI. Sheryl plans on attending with Betsy Youngsma (of Douglas).

3. Dierdra has set-up a new photo/info page for our historic cemeteries on Facebook, under the access name of "Uxbridge-MA- Historic-Cemetery-Committee ." Also, Dierdra's work on photographing cemetery sites/monuments led to a discussion about White Cemetery#13, at 992 Aldrich Street, and its ornate entrance gate. What family histories do we already have on the White Family?

Rescheduling of Next Two Meeting Dates:

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM, at the Farnum House.
MONDAY, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM, at the Farnum House

Motion made to adjourn at 8:08 PM by Beth, seconded by Mary. Unanimous.

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Approved unanimously on Tuesday, October 11, 2011:

Roy Henry

Sheryl Mullan

Beth Butte

Jill C. Kenrick

Sheryl Romasco

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee