

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

For: Wed. July 17, 2013

Members Present: Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, & Beth Butler.
Members absent: Mary Brundage

SEP 25 '13 PM 12:00

Received by
Uxbridge
Town Clerk

Call to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes of June 5, 2013 reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Jill to accept the minutes of May 15, 2013 and seconded by Beth.

Unanimous, motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Norden Cemetery # 6 – Discussion concerning section of lawn which is browned and need for possible re-seeding; Sheryl to ask Chris about cost/time to reseed area in the fall. No access to water.
2. Cemetery Account Funds reviewed.
3. Stephen Holbrook Cemetery #35. – Summary below, concerning the status of the Mountain View Estates Definitive Subdivision Modification Plan filed on 4/4/2013 with the Uxbridge Planning Board by applicant Lawrence Hill, Albee Realty Trust:
 - Sheryl passed out copies of the latest letter from subdivision's engineering firm on behalf of the applicant who has requested a 90-day continuance from the Planning Board. Next Planning Board meeting scheduled for August 28, 2013. When hopefully, cemetery issues will be resolved.
 - Update: Jill has noticed that the homeowner next to the subdivision (Marc Lambert) who allows Chris to access the cemetery through his back yard has his house up for sale.
4. Four volunteers from the Faith Fellowship Church joined Beth and Mary to assist in clean-up of the Buffum Cemetery #25 on June 23, 2013. "Thank you" notes for their assistance have been sent out by Beth.
5. Wooden posts to protect the Buffum & Mowry cemeteries' stone walls from passing cars have not yet been repaired by the DPW. Follow-up by Sheryl with Ben.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A searchable database of the Uxbridge Historic cemeteries with names, death/birth dates and location is underway, for access on the Town's website. Town employee Ms. Poulin is entering the information for the database.

2. Aldrich Cemetery #36 - Sheryl discussed and showed members her recently found historical documentation (deeds) used to determine that there definitively were two separate cemeteries located on the site at 255 Chocolog Road, rather than just the one, where the David Southwick Cemetery #20 is recorded. Early deeds show the first cemetery, (with markers that are mostly just fieldstones) was begun there by the Aldrich family making this burial ground, the oldest in the Town. This earlier area, next to the Southwick cemetery has now been designated as the Aldrich Cemetery #36.
3. DeWolfe Cemetery #18 on Erickson Street – Jill gave a review of recent deed research to trace new genealogical questions about the history and understanding of those buried in this Quaker cemetery. Before we had only a little information on those buried there. Sheryl has obtained copies of the 1817 will/estate of Benjamin Handy which has immensely helped clarify genealogical/family ties.

Schedule of Next Cemetery Committee Meetings for 2013:

- Wednesday, **August 14, 2013** @ 10:00 AM at Sheryl Romasco's house.
- Wednesday, September 25, 2013 @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, November 13, 2013 @ 10:00 AM

Motion made to adjourn at 11:55 AM by Sheryl, seconded by Roy. Unanimous.

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U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2013

Approved unanimously on Wednesday, September 25, 2013:

Jill C. Kenrick

Sheryl S. Romano

Roy Henry

Beth A. But

Mary H. Brundage

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee