

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

For: **Tues. July 28, 2015**

Members Present: Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, Beth Butler, Mary Brundage, and Bill Martin.

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Members absent: None

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Uxbridge
Town Clerk

Call to order at 10:00 AM

Minutes of the June 30, 2015 Meeting reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Beth to accept the Minutes of June 30, 2015, and seconded by Roy. 6-approved; Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A summary of cemetery trust accounts & their balances provided to members by Sheryl.
2. Summer Mowing Status Update: Discussion that any shrub or vine removal/clean-up for Buffum Cemetery# 25, on Buffum Rd will be scheduled for the fall time-period. Also noted that Norden Cemetery #6 needs to have another mowing this month. Beth to discuss issue with mowing crew.
3. Southwick-Aldrich and Gifford Cemeteries: Subdivison developer still in planning stages for land around Southwick-Aldrich Cemeteries, so final deeds have not been completed yet. No new information or status update concerning Gifford Cemetery; discussed the need to get an estimate for clean-up at Gifford Cemetery in the fall.
4. Quaker City Cemetery: Committee members still concerned about that portion of the cemetery stonewall that was damaged in a car accident last October 2014. DPW's repair of the wall – still wobbly or not securely placed. Also, additional damage in a different area of the stone wall has since occurred likely during the winter storms. Sheryl to meet with the Town Manager to discuss situation. Photos taken by Sheryl. At the site visit, Sheryl and Jill noted the high regrowth of vines, shrubs, weeds around the triangular section where the Southwick gravestones are located. Also the area needs to be sprayed to eliminate poison ivy growth.
5. Joseph Richardson Cemetery: The DPW, Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. all have a key to access power line gate leading to the cemetery, for our summer maintenance crew to use. Update: after this July 28th committee meeting, Jill & her husband Frank visited this cemetery. There is no lock on the gate into the High tension power lines that lead to the cemetery. Even if there was a lock, an ATV path has already been created to bypass the metal gate. Inside the cemetery's stone wall – grass conditions were not bad. Noted that Roy had placed new flag on veteran's grave.

6. Holbrook Cemetery: Update: after this July 28th Committee meeting, Jill & Sheryl made a brief stop to walk “the right-of-way” between the newly erected privacy fence and the retention basin to access the cemetery. Sheryl took photos to submit to Planning Board chairman. Spring clean-up of this cemetery looks good. Noted poison ivy growth prior to and along stone wall of cemetery’s entrance area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. July 2015 Mowing Maintenance Billing Overview: Sheryl has not received the mowing bill for this month as of this committee meeting.

Motion made by Sheryl to pay the July 2015 mowing bill upon receipt of billing statement and review by Sheryl, seconded by Bill Martin. Motion approved: 5-0-1 (Beth abstained).

2. New Regional Veteran’s Agent: Roy has received initial contact with this new agent and will be meeting with him before our next scheduled meeting in August. Roy to discuss vandalism/damage to Veteran grave markers/flags at various cemeteries and to report back to our committee. Also, Roy & Bill will be overseeing tours of the Uxbridge Fire Museum in conjunction with the Heritage Corridor’s “Go Tours” during the month of September. Tours of the Fire Museum are planned for Tuesday mornings.
3. Cemetery Signs: Sheryl and her husband will be installing the sign for the Baalis Bullard Cemetery #29 on West River Road. Bill & Roy have volunteered to place cemetery signs at Fieldstone Cemeteries #32 located at 500 Chestnut Street and #33, located at 195 King Street.

Schedule of Next Meetings:

August 18, 2015 – Tuesday at 10:00 AM – to be held at Sheryl’s house, 19 Fisher Street. (note: Mary unable to attend).

September 15, 2015 – Tuesday at 10:00 AM – to be held at

October – No Committee Meeting scheduled.

October 24, 2015 – Planned clean-up of Fieldstone Cemetery #31 located at 27 Gary Lane, members to meet there beginning at 8:30 AM.

November 17, 2015 – Tuesday at 10:00 AM – to be held at

Motion made by Bill to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 AM. Motion seconded by Roy. Unanimous.

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U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2015

Approved unanimously on Tuesday, August 18, 2015:

Jill C. Kenrick
Beth J. Bar
Bill Marts
Roy Henry
Sheryl S. Romano

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee