

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

For: **Tues. Aug. 18, 2015**

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

Members absent: Mary Brundage

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Town Clerk

Call to order at 10:00 AM

SEP 10 '15 AM 9:21

Minutes of the July 28, 2015 Meeting reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Beth to accept the Minutes of July 28, 2015, and seconded by Bill. 5-approved; Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A summary of cemetery trust accounts & their balances provided to members by Sheryl. A summary of cemetery donations to date received.
2. Summer Mowing Status Update: Terry Collins wants to continue mowing/maintenance of the selected cemeteries. Sheryl has not yet received his July mowing statement.
3. Review of July's To Do List: Sheryl's Meeting with Town Manager on August 17.
 - A. Discussion concerning the cemetery wall at Quaker City is not right – the big stone is wobbly and a liability issue as well. Also there is a new damaged area in a different spot. Town Manager to talk to Police about filing an insurance claim against original driver. Town Manager to speak to DPW about putting reflectors in a Quaker City. Sheryl to talk again with Town Manager in two weeks concerning update on Quaker City/insurance claim.
 - B. Future Maintenance of the cemeteries – possible Town Budget request placed for 2017 to cover mowing expenses so that Trust Fund's Interest and Donations could be used for Capital Projects like fencing and gate repair or replacement. Several issues and steps to be considered by the Committee.
4. Translation of Norden Society's Ledgers: The suggestion of utilizing "Google Translation" might be tried, but with each of the two ledgers having approximately 150 pages each; and handwritten in an archaic Nordic language this would be difficult for committee members to achieve on our own. Sheryl will try to reach out via email to Swedish organizations in Worcester to seek assistance in translations.
5. Cemetery Signs: Roy and Bill will be placing the cemetery signs on site for the White Cemetery, (902 Aldrich Street) and for the Hannah Seagrave Cemetery, (266 West Street). Sheryl to place sign at the Baalis Bullard Cemetery (West River Rd.)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. July 2015 Mowing Maintenance Bill

Motion made by Jill to pay the July 2015 mowing bill upon receipt of billing statement and review by Sheryl, seconded by Bill Martin. Motion approved: 4-0-1 (Beth abstained).

Also discussed a site visit by Terry Collins to Gifford Cemetery (Quaker Highway) to assess cemetery cleanup and provide an estimate of costs.

2. New Regional Veteran's Agent: Roy met with the new agent, Carl Bradshaw to discuss vandalism/damage to Veteran grave markers/flags at various cemeteries. Discussion on how the Sons of the Union Veterans had worked on state legislation to increase the fines for cemetery vandalism. Discussed flag placement for holiday memorials to veterans and our need to seek local Veterans' group's assistance on these remembrance dates.
3. Shove Cemetery: Beth has noticed that the abutting neighbors have planted hemlock trees along their side boundary and along the cemetery's side boundary line. Beth volunteered to remove the white pine saplings that have sprouted in a cluster near to the road side of the cemetery.

Schedule of Next Meetings:

September 8, 2015 – Tuesday at **4:00 PM** – to be held at Roy's House, 10 Bailey Street.

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 Beth to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM. Motion seconded by Bill. Unanimous.

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U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2015

Approved unanimously on Tuesday, September 8, 2015:

Jill C Kenrick
J Bell March

Roy Henry

Beth J Burt

Sheryl S. Romano

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kenrick

Secretary

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