

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

For: **Tues. April 19, 2016**

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

Member Absent: Bill Martin

Guest Attendant: Susan Ito

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Town Clerk

MAY 17 '16 AM 11:50

Call to order at 10:05 AM

Minutes of the November 17, 2015 Meeting reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Beth to accept the Minutes of November 17, 2015, and seconded by Sheryl.

5-approved; Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Form E's for submittal of our historic cemeteries to the State are ready except for a few more pictures of Cemeteries are needed. Sheryl will submit the E Forms to the State by the end of the summer.
2. Review & Discussion of November 2015 "To Do List":
 - Norden Cemetery # 6 – Concerning the Swedish journals of the Norden Society; we have yet to locate someone who is able to handle the translation of these books, which are still located in the Historical Reference Room at the Uxbridge Library.
 - Placement of Cemetery Signs – Still need to place the cemetery signs on the Hannah Seagrave Cemetery #34 located on 266 West Street; and the sign for the Fieldstone Cemetery #32, located on 500 Chestnut Street. Roy & Bill had volunteered to place these signs.
 - Discussion of sign placement for Tiffany Cemetery #9 – Mary expressed her displeasure that this sign cannot be placed on the property (Buffum Rd) where the one-grave cemetery was/is located due to the destruction/removal of the stone monument during the process of building a house on the site in the 1980's. However, members felt that historical documentation concerning Mary Ann Seagrave Tiffany and her burial site should still be included with the other cemeteries as a Form E to be sent to the State. Jill to send to Sheryl her documented information on Tiffany Cemetery #9.
3. Update on Aldrich Cemetery #10 on 784 West Street – Last year's subdivision plans for homes and new street surrounding this cemetery will be changed. New plans are being submitted to the Planning Board in which the cemetery will be part of a two-house (one a retreat lot) development. Remaining back land will be sold for preservation purposes. Sheryl will be receiving the new survey plans, but feels sure that original owners will continue to provide access easement to the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Account Balances as of March 2016 – Sheryl reviewed the most recent statement of the historic cemeteries' trust accounts and their balances. Everything in order.
2. Veteran's Flag Placement – Beth & Roy have plenty of new flags for placement on Veteran's graves before Memorial Day which is Monday May 30, 2016. Date chosen for committee members to meet to place flags is for Sunday, May 22nd at 8:30 AM at St. Mary's Cemetery.
3. Stephen Holbrook Cemetery #35 Cleanup – On Saturday April 9, 2016, an Eagle Scout Project developed by Zachary Jordan of Uxbridge Troop #25 was undertaken and completed. The Cemetery's interior grounds were raked & cleared of leaves and branches; the perimeter of the stonewall was cleared of trees & saplings; and the stonewall was repaired by re-placement of stones which had fallen. Zachary, assisting scouts and parents did an excellent job. Eight abutting neighbors had been contacted by mail previously to alert them to the work to be done. Jill provided UHCC's oversight. Zachary Jordan will officially receive his Eagle Scout Rank, (highest rank of boy scouts) in a month (May) in an official ceremony with his troop. Pictures of their work on the cemetery will be sent to us by Zachary for inclusion of a Thank You/Recognition by the UHCC to local newspapers.
4. Norden Cemetery #6 – Cleanup Needed – Jill stopped at cemetery to inspect stonewall corner which appeared to have had some winter damage. Side of stonewall within cemetery needs to be raked and cleaned. Upper level of cemetery has a large portion of a tree which has fallen during the winter months. Pictures taken. Chris Butler will be coming to estimate cost of cleanup of downed tree.
5. New Cemetery Location Map for Uxbridge Assessor's Office – Our original large map of the locations of the historic cemeteries was made by the same Engineering/Design company that the Town is still using. However, Sheryl has been told by the Assessor's Office is will cost \$600.00 to update to a new historic cemetery map. The Committee feels it cannot pay for this charge. Sheryl to speak to the Town Manager about the cost of an updated map.

Schedule of Next Meetings:

May 17, 2016 – Meeting to be held at Beth's house at 23 Gloria Street at 10:00 AM,

May 22, 2016 – Sunday at 8:30 AM to meet at St. Mary's Cemetery to place flags on Veterans' grave for Memorial Day Observance on Monday May 30, 2016.

Motion made by Beth to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM. Motion seconded by Sheryl. Voted Unanimous.

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Approved unanimously on Tuesday, May 17, 2016:

Beth J. Burt

Ray Henry

Jill C. Kenrick

Mary H. Brundage

Sheryl Ramoos

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Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee