## **Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes**

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

Member Absent: Bill Martin

Guests: Uxbridge Chief of Police, Jeffrey A. Lourie; Uxbridge Deputy Chief, Steven Tancrell and Uxbridge Town Manager, David Genereaux

Call to order at 10:00 AM at Lower Town Hall Room

Meeting and Discussion with town officials above concerning the April 30, 2016 fire and damage done to the surrounding area of Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14, 195 King Street/Douglas Pike. Photographs of cemetery area, surrounding areas of campfires, trash & rubbish on road area. Fire Report given to Committee secretary. Discussion on various best methods in future surveillance, rehabilitation & preservation of cemetery, contact with abutting corporate landowners and providing assistance to police for further investigation.

Town Manager and Sheryl to further look into an estimate for possible surveillance measures. Jill to send additional post-fire (May 9th, 2016) photos to Police Chief. Jill to begin comparison of old cemetery pictures of gravestones versus current damage since fire. Discussion on costs for estimates for rehabilitation, etc.

Minutes of the April 19, 2016 Meeting, reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Beth to accept the Minutes of April 19, 2016, and seconded by Roy. 6-approved; Motion approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Veterans Flags for Memorial Day Observation of May 30th: Beth and her husband Fred have done the veterans flags for St. Mary's Cemetery on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> – 800 flags distributed. Prospect Hill and outlying historic cemeteries with veterans will be done on Sunday, May 22, starting at 9:00 AM at Prospect Hill Cemetery.
- 2. Review & Discussion of April 2016 "To Do List":
  - Norden Cemetery # 6 Large Oak tree branches that fell from neighbor's property onto the upper level of the cemetery have been removed by Chris Butler on May 14, 2016. No damage done to any gravestones.
  - Stephen Holbrook Cemetery #35 Eagle Scout cleanup on Saturday April 9, 2016 was very well executed by Eagle Scout, Zachery Jordon of Uxbridge Troop #25. Jill to contact Zachery & his parents to request photographs for our cemetery records. Brief discussion that future Eagle Scout projects would be helpful in assisting in cemetery preservation efforts.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. <u>Account Balances as of May 17, 2016</u> Sheryl reviewed the most recent statement of the historic cemeteries' trust accounts and their balances. 2016 Cemetery Donations received so far are:
  - \$375 for Norden Cemetery Fund
  - \$725 for the General Cemetery Fund
- 2. <u>Uxbridge Assessor's Office</u> Sheryl has received a request for individual photographs of our historic cemeteries to be sent to the Assessor's Office for designating those property sites where the cemeteries are located with road frontage.

## **Schedule of Next Meetings:**

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 21</u>, <u>2016</u> @ <u>10:00AM</u> – Meeting to be held at Sheryl's house – 19 Fisher Road.

Motion made by Mary to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 AM. Motion seconded by Sheryl. Voted Unanimous.

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# U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2016

Approved unanimously on Tuesday, June 21, 2016:

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Respectfully submitted, Jill Kenrick Secretary Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee