

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee MinutesFor: **Tues. July 19, 2016**

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

Member Absent: Roy Henry and Susan Ito.

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Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Meeting, reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Beth to accept the Minutes of May 17, 2016, and seconded by Bill. 5-approved; Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14 – Update and discussion on the status of the cemetery's rehabilitation project – grant application from TransCanada. Also reported on the meeting with Beyond the Grave to receive estimates of cost for repair of gravestones. Detailed review of these estimates which provide for the 7 large family monuments and 18 individual gravestones.

Motion made by Mary Brundage to establish a Cemetery Perpetual Care Account for the Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14. The initial principle deposit of \$125.00 is to be restricted as a permanent non-expendable contribution to this account. Interest, earnings on investments, and additional contributions, unless otherwise specified, will be available for purposes of restoration, preservation and maintenance of the Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14 at the discretion of the Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee. Motion seconded by Bill Martin. Motion passes 5-0, with two members absent.

Motion made by Sheryl Romasco to accept a grant donation from TransCanada in the amount of \$7,500 to be used for the restoration of the Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14. Motion seconded by Beth Butler. Motion passes 5-0, with two members absent.

Motion made by Mary Brundage to partner with TransCanada for surveillance trail cameras at the Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14. Motion seconded by Sheryl Romasco. Motion passes 5-0, with two members absent.

Motion made by Beth Butler to enter into the agreement/estimate with Beyond the Gravestone (Will and Lisa Condon) for the restoration of the 18 individual gravestones and the 7 large family monuments at the Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14. Motion seconded by Bill Martin. Motion passes 5-0, with two members absent.

Further discussion concerning the work of restoration by Beyond the Gravestone.

- a.) No grass seeding needed after rehabilitation of any gravestones.
- b.) The possible cost/donated use of a skid steer/backhoe and maneuverability around restored individual gravestones

2. Summer Maintenance/Mowing of Cemeteries – Sheryl has not heard back from Chris Cota with any possible persons with interest in mowing/maintenance of our historic cemeteries. Sheryl to speak with DPW Manager Benn Sherman to discuss possibility of Town DPW maintenance assistance.

Jill and Sue went to the Norden Cemetery # 6 to pick up old plastic flower pots and branches/sticks piled onto the stonewall frontage. They also went to Quaker City Cemetery #23 to pick up downed branches – work stopped due to rain.
Jill & Frank Kenrick mowed the lower portion of Norden Cemetery #6.

3. Account Balances and Update of Donations Received – Sheryl reviewed the most recent statement of the historic cemeteries' trust accounts and their balances, including 2016 Cemetery Donations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Aldrich Cemetery #10 located on 748 West Street. Development of 4 homes surrounding the cemetery. Sheryl has seen survey plans and the cemetery will have a 10-ft wide right-of-way and buffer areas around the cemetery.
2. David Southwick Cemetery #20 located on 255 Chocolog Road. The warrant article which passed at the Fall Town Meeting has still not been acted upon by the developer concerning transferal of a cemetery deed to the Town of Uxbridge, based upon the survey plan of the developer.
3. Face Book/social media site for the Uxbridge Historic Cemetery use. Sheryl contacted Deidra Cahill, former member, concerning the transferal of an earlier created Facebook site to our committee members. Awaiting a response from Deidra.
4. Beth to review older photographs for additional pictures of both the Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14 and the former Tiffany Cemetery #9 once located at 50 Buffum Road.

Schedule of Next Meetings:

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 @ 10:00AM – Meeting to be held at Beth Butler's house, 23 Gloria Street.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 @ 10:00 AM – Meeting to be held at...

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

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U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2016

Approved unanimously on Tuesday, August 16, 2016:

Mary H. Brundage

Ray Henry

Bob Blue

Sue Sto

Bill Martin

Sheyl Romano

Jill C Kenrick

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee