

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee MinutesFor: **Tues. May 9, 2017**

Members Present: Jill Kenrick, Beth Butler, Bill Martin, Mary Brundage, and Susan Ito.
Absent: Roy Henry (illness).

Public Comment: Visit/Attendance of Uxbridge Citizen: Melody Roy, 30 Erickson Street, Uxbridge, MA.

Public Comment: Melody Roy is visiting our public meeting today to learn which Richardson Family's cemetery is listed, and/or is to be discussed in today's agenda. Committee members welcome Melody. Today's agenda item is for the Joseph Richardson Cemetery # 14, located off of 195 King Street, Uxbridge, the historic cemetery which was vandalized in the Spring of 2016. Committee members, recognizing that Melody is a Richardson family descendant, appreciate her visit, and explain our appreciation of the Richardson's family's assistance for their prior assistance/maintenance of the historic cemeteries, of The DeWolf Cemetery #30, located on 30 Erikson Street, Uxbridge. Also explained by Committee members, that the Simon Richardson Cemetery #19, located at 175 South Street is not an "officially neglected, nor abandoned cemetery," under the rules/laws of Massachusetts regulations, and that while the Committee has done genealogical records research of those buried in this cemetery, the U.H.C. Committee has no official oversight of this historic cemetery.

Call to Order:

Minutes of the April 11, 2017 U.H.C.C. Meeting, reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Beth to accept the Minutes of April 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes and seconded by Bill. Motion passes 5-0-1. (1 abstaining - Sheryl).

OLD BUSINESS:**Accounts/Trusts Update & Review:**

- Printed Cemetery Accounts were reviewed with corrected balances as provided by the Town Accountant. Brief discussion concerning funding allocations that should be attributed to the newly established Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14. Sheryl had contacted Town Accountant earlier and asked for corrections with Town Accountant, which will be made prior to this Committee's next review. Balances are otherwise, in order.

Spring Cemetery Inspections:

- Darling Cemetery not visited or inspected.
- Norden Cemetery – diseased yew trees should be cut down. A lot of trash picked up.
- Tucker Cemetery – there are beavers in the area near cemetery.
- Shove Cemetery – downed branches to be removed.
- Aldrich Cemetery – Nick removed tree branches/wood last fall season.
- David Southwick Cemetery – Noted that wooden stakes indicating "property lines" have been placed going up the center of the cemetery's right-of-way.
- Gifford Cemetery – Sheryl spoke to property owner, Mr. Bevilaqua.
- Buffum Cemetery – Branches, twigs, leaves cleaned up by Mary.

- Baalis Bullard Cemetery – Harry and Nick Romasco to handle cleanup.

Brush Cutter Repair:

Motion made by Beth to submit the bill for the maintenance/repair of the brush cutter for payment/reimbursement made by Jill. The cost, \$132.99 is to be taken from the General Cemetery Fund. Seconded by Bill. Motion passes 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joseph Richardson Cemetery Restoration Update:

- Status of the two surveillance cameras at the site were discussed. Brandon Kibbe of TransCanada had provided information of the cameras' functionality to Jill.
- Property Ownership Changes: TransCanada has recently sold its properties' portfolio to Great River Hydro on April 20, 2017. Brandon Kibbe has a new contact email address: bkibbe@greatriverhydro.com. Also, Ocean State Power in Burrillville RI is soon to be sold to LS Power.
- Will & Lisa Cornell of Beyond the Gravestone have called Jill concerning the status of gravestone restoration for this year. Still unresolved as how to gain access to the cemetery with equipment for this temporary work – i.e., access across or on Eversource's property/right of way. Discussion by members if an alternate trail could be found on the parcel itself from Douglas Pike.
- Jill to study plans, site review/inspection of cemetery. However, the distance, cost, steep hills, and numerous other gas/power rights also surround the cemetery plot.
- Jill will also place new Veteran flags on 3 of the gravestones during inspection of the cemetery.

Membership – Updates and recruitment:

- Two members are up for re-appointment by the Board of Selectmen in the month of June 2017 – Sheryl and Jill. After 23 years, family, health and moving plans have led Jill to request that she cannot seek re-appointment. Chairperson Sheryl will submit this request to the Selectmen/Town Manager. Sheryl to request a 1 year re-appointment for herself as well, to adjust the 3-year appointment stagnation of the 7 Committee's members.
- Discussion on ways to reach out to community to recruit new Committee members. Sheryl will also post a message on the Uniquely Uxbridge Facebook site.

Schedule of Next Meetings/Events:

- **Tuesday June 20, 2017** at Sue Ito's House – 208 Albee Road at 10:00 AM.
- **Additional Meetings to be scheduled.**

Motion made by Mary to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 PM. Motion seconded by Sue. Voted Unanimous, 6-0.

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Approved unanimously on Tuesday, June 20, 2017:

Sheryl Romano

Sue Dth

Bob Butler

Bill Masten

Roy Henry

Jill C. Kenrick

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee