

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

April 15, 2008

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, Beth Butler and

Mary Brundage

Member absent: Jane Snyder

Motion made to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting by Roy Henry and seconded by Jill Kenrick. Accepted - 4 ayes 2 abstentions

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Wal-Mart Grant

We have received a \$1000 grant from Wal Mart for the purchase of a laptop computer and accessories.

Motion by Beth Butler:

The UHCC approves grant money expenditures of up to \$1000 for the purchase of a laptop computer and accessories.

Second: Roy Henry

Unanimous approval

2. Norden Cemetery

The Norden Guidelines and Regulations have been made into a brochure that can be distributed to local funeral directors.

Motion to accept the Norden Guidelines and Regulation by Roy Henry.

Second: Mary Brundage. Unanimous

3. Buffum Cemetery

We are awaiting confirmation of the Buffum Family Association meeting in August.

Mary Brundage reported that the briars and trees from the neighbors yard are coming into the cemetery. She has cut the briars back to the ground, but feels we need to spray them to keep them from growing back again.

After discussion, Roy and Mary will spray the 2 foot perimeter border we have around the cemetery with Round-Up.

The gate we currently own is big enough to replace the gate at Buffum. Chairman Merriam will contact Aron Kerr to get an estimate on installation of the gate.

4. Fund Raising Letter

The annual fund raising letter has been written and will be sent out shortly. Mailing lists have been updated.

5. Faith Fellowship Church

Faith Fellowship Church will help with the cleanup of Quaker City on May 4, 2008. The group will work on clearing brush from the cemetery and clearing the perimeter area between the wall and the road. Chairman Merriam will contact the DPW for a permit to dump brush from the cemetery in the town Recycle Center.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Estimate for Summer 2008

Chris Cota submitted his estimate for summer maintenance at 14 cemeteries. (See attached)

Motion to accept the maintenance estimate by Beth Butler. Second by Roy Henry. Unanimous

2. UHCC Website

Sheryl Romasco has been working with a website designer/programmer to develop a website that will hold all our information. The UHCC needs a site they can control and access easily. A sample of the site should be available for the committee to see at the May meeting.

3. Joseph Richardson Cemetery

Roy reported that the highline gate has a new lock. But we don't have a key. He will check with the police department to see if a key is there.

4. Grant Money

UHCC needs money to replace flag holders on veterans' graves at the cemeteries in town. Many have been bent beyond repair. Flag holders cost approximately \$20 a piece. We need 250 flag holders. After discussion, it was decided to apply for a grant from Ocean State for that purpose.

5. Maintenance needs

Gideon Mowry Cemetery has some branches that need to be removed. George Aldrich Cemetery has a pile of dead limbs and branches that need to be removed. If there is time on the clean up day, May 4th, these branches will be removed.

6. Chairmanship

Chairman Merriam will be stepping down as Chair on June 30th. She will remain an active member of the committee. Sheryl Romasco has agreed to take the Chairmanship.

7. Next Meeting

The May 20, 2008 meeting will be held at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Beth Butler; seconded by Roy Henry.

Unanimous.