

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

For May June 5, 2013

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

Call to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes of May 15, 2013 reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Sheryl to accept the minutes of May 15, 2013 and seconded by Jill.

Unanimous, motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Today the purpose for this meeting being held at Jill's house is to sort through and re-organize files, documents and books for eventual storage in the Uxbridge Library's Historical/Research room on the second floor. Beth has volunteered to organize the many photographs and photo albums for the purpose.
2. Norden Cemetery # 6 – Roy has brought the estimated cost for the removal of pine trees in the front corner of the cemetery from Carl Albin. The trees and their roots are threatening the stonewall foundation.

Motion made by Jill to pay Carl Albin \$225.00 for cutting down and removing trees at the Norden Cemetery, the money to be taken from the Norden Cemetery account fund. Motion seconded by Sheryl. Unanimous, motion approved.

3. Stephen Holbrook Cemetery #35. – Summary below, concerning the status of the Mountain View Estates Definitive Subdivision Modification Plan filed on 4/4/2013 with the Uxbridge Planning Board by applicant Lawrence Hill, Albee Realty Trust:
 - The applicant has requested a 90-day continuance from the Planning Board.
 - In a letter to the P.B. the applicant & the Engineering firm representing sent the following: **"A continuance to the Planning meeting [to be] scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2013 would be most appreciated. The applicant is currently preparing the documents for the Homeowner's Association to show that the maintenance of the roadway will be properly funded as requested by the [Planning] Board, however, we have not received them from the attorney as of this time. By the August meeting, we will also have all of the cemetery concerns addressed, as well as Graves Engineering's comments."**
4. Mass. Historical Commission applications, Form E's –need to be completed to further protect our historical cemeteries:
Sheryl has completed the format wording for almost all of the 35 forms (St. Mary's Cemetery not included, but she has done one for Prospect Hill Cemetery.) She has also separated-out the Aldrich Cemetery, (As Aldrich Cemetery #36) from the David Southwick Cemetery #20, which is separated

by stonework but located next to Cemetery #20 on Chocolog Road. Sheryl did this based upon recent additional deed research and the fact that the Aldrich Cemetery was established sometime before 1780, making it the oldest of our cemeteries. Sheryl has placed all of the cemeteries' application forms onto a large storage "memory stick," and given it to Jill to review for errors/typos. Photos for most of the forms will be added later as they are required by the Historical Commission.

5. The Norden Society Journals (1895-1915):

Jill has been working with Betsy Youngsma, Uxbridge's Historical Librarian to ensure the preservation of the two journals. With Betsy's help, Jill has purchased from The University Products Company, specialized "Heritage Albums with Slipcases, along with acid-free protective page protectors. Jill has donated the cost of these materials (\$373.82) in lieu of a yearly donation to the historic cemetery funds. Library Director, Jane Granatino & Betsy, have obtained free Swedish/Norwegian translation of the journals from an expert! Mr. Hans Eyvind Naess of the National Archives, Stavanger Department in Stavanger, Norway has agreed to translate. Betsy has already emailed a scanned file of 15 pages (per email) to him of the 1895 journal.

Schedule of Next Cemetery Committee Meetings for 2013:

- Wednesday, **July 17, 2013** @ 10:00 AM at Beth Butler's house.

Motion made to adjourn at 12:45 PM by Sheryl, seconded by Mary. Unanimous.

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U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2013

Approved unanimously on Wednesday, July 17, 2013:

Jill C Kenrick

Sheyl Komusco

Ray Henry

Beth J Butler

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee