

**Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes**

For: Tues. April 29, 2014

Members Present: Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, Beth Butler, Mary Brundage and Bill Martin  
 Members absent: None

Call to order at 10:01 AM.

Minutes of November 13, 2013 reviewed and approved.

**Motion made by Jill to accept the minutes of November 13, 2013 and seconded by Sheryl.  
 6-approved; Motion Approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Estimated costs from for the 2014 Summer Maintenance/Mowing of 15 Historic Cemeteries:  
 Sheryl has not yet received an Estimate of costs from Chris Cota for this year. She will contact him and request a summary.
2. Cemetery Account Funds reviewed: Sheryl reported that the Town Finance Department had recently placed on the Town's website, the Uxbridge's Town Budget & Revenue Sources and Uses Accounting Spreadsheet. Sheryl had met with Justin, Town Accountant to review all Cemetery Trust Fund Accountants and Cemetery Donation Accounts. Sheryl provided an "enlarged" summary sheet to Committee members showing all Cemetery Accounts as of 31-March-2014.
3. Gifford Cemetery #22: Mr. Bevelaqua, abutting landowner, working with Steve O'Connell of Andrews Surveying and Engineering Company, are preparing cemetery deed and easement for presentation of an Article for the November Town Meeting's vote. Sponsorship of the cemetery article to be made by our Committee. In order to support & place Article onto the November Town Meeting, we need to vote (make a motion) before, or by August 2014.
4. Stephen Holbrook Cemetery #35: Planning Board overseeing Mountain View Estates further progression. Jill reports that house under construction on Lot #2, (which has a maintenance easement on back boundary of the lot as a buffer zone area for the cemetery). Jill will review Registry of Deeds for any updated documents on Mountain View Estates that have been recorded.
5. Buffum Cemetery #25: The Town DPW has replaced the posts with reflectors that protect the stonewall of the cemetery. New posts are taller, with more reflectors than the previous post. Sheryl to send thank-you response to DPW.
6. Brush cutter/trimmer: Riteway of Northbridge has completed the maintenance work on the trimmer. (Work was delayed due to winter weather). Beth will deliver the trimmer to Roy's house for storage. Beth to complete billing and submit to Town Accountant.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2014 Summer Mowing & Maintenance Estimates from Chris Cota: Estimated costs for mowing schedules for 15 of the historic cemeteries submitted by Chris and discussed by Committee members. (See enclosed estimate).

**Motion Made by Beth to accept the 2014 Summer Mowing & Maintenance Estimates for 15 historic cemeteries for a total estimated cost of \$3,230. Seconded by Roy. Vote unanimous.**

2. Winter Damage Report/Update: Roy and Bill have visited several of the cemeteries and report no major damage to report. Suggestion made by Beth that after spring blooming, that Forsythia trees at the Almshouse Cemetery # 27 be trimmed.
3. Buffum Cemetery #25: Discussion of Committee concerning the Assessor's Office and that the Assessor's database records for 115 Buffum Road shows the picture of the Buffum Cemetery rather than the abutting property house lot belonging to Dana Nicoll and Gwendolyn Mitchell. Two of the Buffum Cemetery's walls are used as boundary lines for the house lot, but are not part of the property as listed in the Nicoll & Mitchell's deed – Deed Book 15529, Page 369, (recorded 3-Sep-1993), as well as with, the more detailed prior sales deed – Deed Book 6634, Page 247, (recorded 8-Dec-1978) which has the metes & bounds description of the property. Sheryl will discuss problem with the Assessor's office.
4. Darling Cemetery # 5 (Millville Road): May 13th Annual Town Meeting has a Citizen's Petitioned Article to Amend the Zoning Map that concerns Darling Cemetery. Zoning change involves 227 acres of land from Residential C to Industrial. Committee's concerns: Steep elevation differences between the cemetery's two remaining access boundaries due to years of prior gravel removal, could be made worse depending upon future industrial use of the area. Wetlands and brooks prevent cemetery access on the cemetery's other boundary lines. Committee will continue to report after Town Meeting vote.
5. David Southwick Cemetery #20 & Aldrich Cemetery #36 (255 Chocolog Road): A 60-lot subdivision proposal, known as Cobbler's Knoll Subdivison has been submitted to the Planning Board. Two P.B. meetings have been scheduled for May 14, 2014 and May 28, 2014 to begin permitting process.
6. Update on Histories of Cemeteries & completion of State's Form E's: Committee plans on completing all Form E's for the State Historical Commission by the end of summer and will be submitting all together on a USB access 'memory stick.'
7. Norden Cemetery # 6: Judy Collins believes that there may be members of her church who can translate the Norden Society Books which are currently stored at the Uxbridge Public Library's research room. Discussion: that since we have not had any further input from Hans Naess of the National Archives in Stavanger, Norway, that we should provide some pages from the documents to give to Judy Collins. Jill to get copies from Library to give to Judy Collins.
8. Aldrich/Buxton Cemetery # 30: Sheryl has noticed that there appears to be some shrub & sapling growth developing at the cemetery, located on Quaker Highway – at the BJ's facility. Sheryl to see about contacting current management of BJ's on site.

9. Cemetery-Related Events:

- A.) Memorial Day Flag Placement – Committee members to meet at St Mary’s Cemetery on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM to begin placing new flags on all Veterans graves. Estimated American Flags to be placed is 1,100 flags.
- B.) May 18, 2014 – 12:00 Noon – Dedication & Anniversary Ceremony at the WW II Bomber Plane Crash Site in Uxbridge.
- C.) May 21, 2014 – 1:00PM – Revolutionary War Honor Salute Ceremony at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Uxbridge by the United Train of Artillery RIM.

**Schedule of Next Cemetery Committee Meetings for 2014:**

- Tuesday, June 10, 2014 @ 10:00AM at Jil’s house – 156 Albee Road.

**Motion made to adjourn at 11:55 AM by Beth, seconded by Sheryl. Unanimous vote.**

Chris Cota  
14 Taft St  
Uxbridge MA 01569  
May 18, 2014  
Uxbridge Historical Cemetery Committee

Description	Total
1. Royal Taft mow 3 times @\$55.00 per time	\$165.00
2. Dewolf mow 3 times @\$55.00 per time	\$165.00
3. Southwick mow 3 times @\$65.00 per time	\$195.00
4. Quaker City mow 3 times @\$90.00 per time	\$270.00
5. A Mowry Tomb mow 3 times @\$45.00 per time	\$135.00
6. Morse mow 3 times @\$55.00 per time	\$165.00
7. Almshouse mow 6 times @\$90.00 per time	\$540.00
8. George Aldrich mow 3 times @\$70.00 per time	\$210.00
9. Gideon Mowry mow 2 times @\$35.00 per time	\$70.00
10. Stephen Holbrook mow 2 time @\$50.00 per time	\$100.00
11. Norden mow 7 times @\$85.00 per time	\$595.00
12. Shove mow 2 times @\$65.00 per time	\$130.00
13. Joseph Richardson 2 times @\$80.00 per time	\$160.00
14. Bassett mow 3 times @\$50.00 per time	\$150.00
15. Daniels mow 3 times @\$60.00 per time	\$180.00
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	\$3230.00

Thank you

**DEPARTMENTAL DONATIONS**  
**30 APRIL 2014**

**Other Special Revenue**  
**Departmental Donations (Restricted Usage)**

	<b>Exp.</b>		
106 Norden Cemetery	4,705	250	4,455
107 Buffum Cemetery	1,250	50	1,300
141 Cemetery General Donations	3,836	100	3,936

**Trust & Agency**  
**Cemetery Trusts (Non Principal Unrestricted Earnings)**

	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Exp.</b>	
801 Albee Unrestricted (\$500.00 Prin.)	30		6,679
802 Old Center School (\$5,200.00 Prin.)	165	2,080	28,599
803 Giedon Mowry (\$125.00 Prin.)	21	70	4,445
804 Southwick Lot (\$200.00 Prin.)	13	130	2,427
805 Quaker City (\$2,000.00 Prin.)	12		720
806 JB Bancroft (\$200.00 Prin.)	15		3,122

Total Cemetery Trusts (Non Principal Unrestricted)	256	2,280	45,992
	48,015		

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee

**U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for April 29, 2014**

Approved unanimously on Tuesday, June 10, 2014:

*Jill C. Kenrick*

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*Beth Burt*

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*Roy Henry*

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*Bill Martin*

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*Mary H. Brundage*

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*Sheryl Romano*

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Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Kenrick  
Secretary  
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee