

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

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For: Tues. September 16, 2014
Received by
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Town Clerk

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

Members Absent: None

Guest: Jen Modica, Chairman of the Uxbridge Board of Selectman.

Call to order at: 10:04 AM

Minutes of July 22, 2014, reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Beth to accept the minutes of July 22, 2014, and seconded by Mary. 6-approved;

Motion accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of two cemetery-related warrant Articles submitted for the Fall Town Meeting to be held on November 18, 2014. These warrant articles concern: a.) Access Easement for the Gifford Cemetery located on Quaker Highway; b.) Conveyance of Land - The David Southwick & Aldrich Cemetery located on Chocolog Road.
 - Original motion to accept these articles, and approved unanimously by the Historic Cemetery Committee was done on June 10, 2014.
 - After final review of these articles, the Committee reaffirms our unanimous vote, today (16-Sep-2014).
2. Cemetery Donations' Update: (Fund Account Balances as of today)
 - Norden Cemetery Fund \$5,090.
 - Buffum Cemetery Fund \$1,350.
 - General Cemetery Fund \$4,431.
3. Buffum Cemetery: Spring Clean-up & Summer Maintenance: A motion was made at our last meeting, (22-Jul-2014), to see if Mr. Archie LaFrancis would be available for hire to handle clean-up and maintenance at this cemetery. Committee learned that Mr. LaFrancis unavailable for this job.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Continued Assessment of Cemetery Mowing & clean-up: Members to continue to review and observe all cemeteries covered under the Summer Maintenance Mowing Schedule. Beth will check Gideon Mowry Cemetery on Glendale Road concerning fallen stonewall stones. Roy will check Daniels, Bassett & Norden Cemeteries. Jill will continue to monitor Mt. View Developments concerning access to Holbrook Cemetery.

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2. Aldrich/Buxton Cemetery on Quaker Highway & BJ Company's Access Update: Sheryl has been in contact with the BJ representative and will soon be receiving survey plans and schedule for a new access to the cemetery planned by the company.
3. Mary Greene - Civil War Nurse: Roy stated that Peter Emerick has received additional historical information concerning Mary Greene, a civil war nurse who is buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Peter to share completed historical information with Roy once available.

Schedule of Next Cemetery Meeting:

- Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014: Meeting to be held at 10:30 AM at Sheryl's house at 19 Fisher Street.
- Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014 - Christmas Luncheon Get-Together

Motion Made to Adjourn at 11:29 AM by Mary, seconded by Roy. Unanimous vote.

Warrant Articles Submission for Fall Town Meeting 18 NOV 2014

Submitted by: Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee

Date submitted: 16 SEP 2014

These articles were approved unanimously by the Historic Cemetery Committee on June 10, 2014. The committee also reaffirmed the vote on September 16, 2014.

ARTICLE XX: ACCESS EASEMENT FOR THE GIFFORD CEMETERY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, an easement for access to the Gifford Cemetery on a portion of the property located at 620 Quaker Highway, described in the Deed recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 49389, Page 141, said easement area containing 11,612 s.f. of area, more or less, as shown on a plan dated March 4, 2014, entitled "Easement Plan of 620 Quaker Highway" prepared by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. which is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute any documents or instruments necessary to effect said easement upon such terms as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Historic Cemetery Committee

COMMENTARY: *This article will allow the town access to the Gifford Cemetery.*

MOTION:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTE NEEDED:

ARTICLE XX: CONVEYANCE OF LAND - THE SOUTHWICK CEMETERY AND ALDRICH CEMETERY off CHOCOLOG ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift and to accept a deed of land for property owned by FIKOW, LLC to the Town of Uxbridge located on Chocolog Road, described in the Deed recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 52122, Page 321, also identified on the Assessor's Map 39, parcel 4254 said area containing 23,066 s.f. of area, more or less, as shown on a plan dated September 17, 2014, entitled Division of Land of 255 Chocolog Road in Uxbridge, MA owned by FIKOW, LLC prepared by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. which is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute any documents or instruments necessary to effect said acquisition upon such terms as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relating thereto, for general municipal purposes, conveyance including access for maintenance of both the Southwick Cemetery and Aldrich Cemetery #36.

SPONSOR: Historic Cemetery Committee

COMMENTARY: *2 Historic Cemeteries are located on this property.*

MOTION:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTE NEEDED:

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Approved unanimously on Tuesday, November 18, 2014:

Jill C. Kenrick

Beth J. Dun

Bill Martin

Ray Henry

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Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee