

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

For: Tues. November 18, 2014

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

Members Absent: None

Call to order at: 10:30 AM

MAY 19 '15 PM 12:16

**Received by
Uxbridge
Town Clerk**

Minutes of September 16, 2014, reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Sheryl to accept the minutes of September 16, 2014, and seconded by Beth. 6-approved; Motion accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The two cemetery-related warrant Articles submitted for the Fall Town Meeting to be held tonight, November 18, 2014 were again reviewed. 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.
2. Cemetery Donations' Update: (Fund Account Balances as of 18-Nov-2014)
 - Norden Cemetery Fund \$5,090.
 - Buffum Cemetery Fund \$1,350.
 - General Cemetery Fund \$4,431.
3. The Notebooks researched and compiled by Edward T. Roy (1917-1994) of Uxbridge with drawings and photos of Uxbridge historic cemeteries have been scanned and contents placed on computer memory sticks by Sheryl. These notebooks were donated to the Committee by Louis Desruisseaux. The original notebooks will be delivered to the Uxbridge Public Library for safe-keeping in the Historical/Research Documents Room on the 2nd floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Grass at Norden Cemetery: Beth has planted grass seeds and placed fertilizer on a small section (covers two graves) where the grass had earlier died due to grub damage.
Motion: At this U.H.C.C. meeting of November 18, 2014, Jill made the motion to reimburse Beth Butler, \$13.80 for the purchase of grass seed for Norden Cemetery. Motion seconded by Bill. Motion passed unanimously. Motion printed and signed.

2. Chris Cota's 2014 Summer Maintenance Bill: Discussion and review of the bill. The total expenses for mowing and maintenance of 15 cemeteries is \$2,115.00. Discussion followed as to what cemetery funds would be utilized to reach the total cost of the bill.

Motion: Made by Beth to accept the 2014 Summer Maintenance bill submitted by Chris Cota. Payment to be obtained from the following cemetery accounts:

- \$ 1,620.00 from the Old Center School Trust
- \$ 425.00 from the Norden Cemetery Trust
- \$ 70.00 from the Giedon Mowry Cemetery Trust

\$ 2,115.00. Motion seconded by Roy. Motion passed unanimously.

3. New Access Path to Aldrich/Buxton Cemetery: Sheryl has received the survey plan and information for the new access to the cemetery planned by BJ's. Representatives of BJ's will be submitting the plan & request for work approval from the Uxbridge Conservation Commission soon, (for work in the Spring 2015). Sheryl has submitted a letter to the Con Comm concerning our Committee's support of this new pathway and our appreciation to BJ's for paying the costs of doing this work.
4. Stephen Holbrook Cemetery: New House & lot for sale in front of entrance to cemetery. Landscape appears finished, but a large boulder still remains in the way, according to the recorded access right-of-way into the cemetery. Sheryl to send a memo to Chairman, Joe Leonardo of the Uxbridge Planning Board with our concerns.
5. Quaker City Cemetery/ Accident Damage Report: Discussion and review of the car accident damage done to the cemetery's stone wall. Jill & Sheryl submitted a report of the damage, with pictures to the Town Manager and Uxbridge Police Department's Peter Emerick. Committee will request an estimate to repair the stone wall from Salmon Landscaping Company. Jill to follow-up.
6. Fall clean-up of Cemeteries: Roy has cleaned up the following cemeteries: Norden Cemetery - trimmed all brush and vines around stonewall of lower sections and around gravestones; cleared brush in upper portion and along the pathway to the upper section. Daniels and Bassett Cemeteries - cleared downed branches and brush around stonewall and entrance area at beginning of Rockmeadow Road Extension. Left brush pile for later removal by DPW. Also cleared brush at Bassett Cemetery, although Roy says this cemetery in good condition with maintenance done by Jason Hanson - landowner. Roy states that the original Bassett homestead is up for sale. Albee Cemetery - Jill's husband Frank has raked leaves and removed brush from the cemetery and given it a final mowing for this season.

Scheduled Christmas Luncheon:

- Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014 - Christmas Luncheon Get-Together. We will meet at Jube's Restaurant in Northbridge at 11:30 AM.

Schedule of U.H.C.C. Meetings for Next Year 2015:

1. Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM. This meeting, the day after Easter, will be held at Roy Henry's house, 10 Bailey Street. *CANCELLED - No meeting J. Henrick ✓*
2. Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 8:00 AM. This is not a U.H.C.C. meeting, but the annual get-together to place American Flags on Veterans' graves prior to Memorial Day. Members to meet at St. Mary's Cemetery to begin.
3. Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 10:00 AM. - at Beth Butler's house, 23 Gloria Street.

Motion Made to Adjourn at 12:00 Noon by Beth, seconded by Roy. Unanimous vote.

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Approved unanimously on Tuesday, May 17, 2015:

Mary H. Brundage
Sherry Romasco

Dee Henry

Belle J. Butt

Bill Mouton

Jill Kenrick

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kenrick

Secretary

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