

**Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes**

For: Tues. May 19, 2015

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

Members absent: None

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Town Clerk

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Call to order at 10:00 AM

Minutes of the November 18, 2014 Meeting reviewed and approved.

**Motion made by Beth to accept the Minutes of Nov. 18, 2014, and seconded by Mary. 6-approved; Motion approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Financial Update and summarization of last year's donations, balances of accounts given by Sheryl.
2. Southwick-Aldrich and Gifford Cemeteries: Discussion of the status of the Southwick-Aldrich Cemeteries on Chocolog Road, and the Gifford Cemetery on Quaker Highway following the November 2014 Town Meeting. What is the status of the Right of Way and/or deeds concerning these cemeteries? Sheryl to contact Steve O'Connell to see what progress has been made.
3. Quaker City Cemetery: The repair of that portion of the cemetery's stone wall which was damaged during a car accident, still needs further assessment. Better alignment and balance of the huge boulders; scattered stones not replaced and protective wooden posts with reflectors for future protection of the wall have not been completed. Discussion of the car-owner's insurance reimbursement and the DPW's repair costs.
4. Aldrich/Buxton Cemetery: Last Fall, Patrick Natreba, Manager of Site Development for the BJ's Distribution Center, began site assessment to build a new pedestrian access to the cemetery. Presentation of site plans for approval to the Uxbridge Conservation Commission were held. Discussion on the status of the new walkway. Has work been started or completed? Follow-up/site visit needed.
5. Daniels Cemetery: Roy reports that the branches/leaves from the autumn clean-up and stored at the beginning of the old Rockmeadow Road extension have not been picked up and disposed of by the DPW. Sheryl to contact Ben Sherman at DPW.
6. Holbrook Cemetery: Site visit to ensure that access to the cemetery will be possible for summer maintenance of the cemetery. Jill to check the right of way as recorded on the subdivision plan and in actuality.

7. Norden Cemetery: Has then been any progress in translating the Norden Society's journals? Judy Collins of Millville had found a potential translator, and we had sent 20 pages. Sheryl to contact Judy Collins for any update or status.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Summer Maintenance Crew Status: For several years, Chris Cota of Uxbridge has been hired for the responsibility of mowing and maintaining 15 of the historic cemeteries. Sheryl received notice that Chris is no longer able to continue in this role.

**Motion made by Beth to accept the resignation of Chris Cota and his responsibility for the summer maintenance of 15 historic cemeteries. Motion seconded by Bill. 6-approved; unanimous.**

2. New Summer Maintenance Crew: Discussion of new applicants and any changes in mowing schedules and techniques and estimated costs of the 15 cemeteries presently covered and any needed additional clean-up of sites.

**Motion made by Roy to accept Terry Collins of Cherry Street, Uxbridge to be responsible of the summer maintenance of 15 Historic Cemeteries with a seasonal estimate for cost for mowing of \$3,375.00. Motion seconded by Bill. 5-0-1. (1 abstained – Beth).**

3. Additional Spring Clean-up of Cemeteries:

- Mowry Tomb #26 located at 672 Hartford Ave East has a dead tree which likely needs to be removed.
- Norden Cemetery #6 located on Millville Road - one mowing to be done before May holidays and trimming of shrubs around cemetery monuments and pathways.
- Buffum Cemetery #25 – In order to assist Mary who mows this cemetery, a request to have the new crew do one first mowing with trimming around the outside of stonewall area.
- Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14 located at 195 King Street – clean-up assessment needs to be done. Sheryl to contact Police & DPW to ensure key/lock access is available to new crew.
- Fieldstone Cemetery #31 – located at 27 Gary Lane was inspected by Jill & Roy and found to be in bad condition. Trees limbs, shrub-growth, leaves have totally obscured the location of fieldstones and borders of cemetery. Jill to bring pictures to next meeting. An estimate of cost to be made.

**Motion made by Sheryl to accept Terry Collins' estimate of \$1,235.00 for the additional clean-up of several historic cemeteries due to fall/winter storm damage. Motion seconded by Roy. 5-0-1 (1 abstained-Beth).**

**Motion made by Sheryl to request estimates of cost for cleaning-up at Buffum, Joseph Richardson, Fieldstone Cemetery #31, and around the boundary stone walls of the Southwick-Aldrich Cemeteries. Motion seconded by Jill. 5-0-1 (1 abstained- Beth).**

4. 2015 Fund-Raising Efforts: Sheryl distributed several different copies of the proposed fund raising letters which will be mailed during the month of May to concerned donors of our various cemeteries.
5. Cemetery Identification Signs: Sheryl reports that there are still 6 signs that still need to be installed at their proper sites: Tiffany#9, Seagrave#34 & Bullar#29, (both located on West St.), White#13 (on Aldrich St) Fieldstone Cemetery#32 (on Chestnut St.), and Fieldstone Cemetery#33 (on King St.).

**Schedule of Next Meetings:**

June 30, 2015 – Tuesday at 10:00 AM – to be held at 156 Albee Rd – Jill’s house.

July 28, 2015 – Tuesday at 10:00AM – to be held at 100 Buffum Rd - Mary’s house.

August 18, 2015 – Tuesday at 10:00 AM – to be held at

September 15, 2015 – Tuesday at 10:00 AM – to be held at

October – No Meeting

November 17, 2015 – Tuesday at 10:00 AM – to be held at

**Motion made by Beth to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 AM. Motion seconded by Mary. Unanimous.**

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**U.H.C.C. Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2015**

Approved unanimously on Tuesday, June 30th, 2015:

*Sheryl Romano*  
*Beth A. Bates*  
*Roy Henry*  
*Bill Martin*  
*Jill C. Kenrick*  
*Mary A. Brundage*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Kenrick  
Secretary  
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee