

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes
November 14, 2005

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, Mary Brundage, Sheryl Romasco and Beth Butler
Absent: Doris Ostroskey

Motion made to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2005 meeting by Jill Kenrick and seconded by Mary Brundage.
Unanimous

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with a review of the Evergreen Acres Conservation Project and its effect on the two historic cemeteries in that area (Joseph Richardson Cemetery and the unnamed cemetery). The Committee familiarized themselves with the plot plans and location of the cemeteries.

Doug Savadge of Savage Green and Steve Gioiosa of Sitec Engineering came to the meeting at 7:30. (Both men have been hired by TransCanada, the parent company of Ocean State Power, which owns the land.) Steve explained the lay out and asked for comments/questions from the committee.

Committee concerns:

1. Joseph Richardson Cemetery was shown on a house lot (#49). The property line for lot #50 was on the cemetery wall. The committee asked for space around the cemetery to do maintenance when necessary. After much discussion, Steve Gioiosa told us he was not going to use lot #49 as a house lot. He would reconfigure the lots and make the cemetery an open space with a small parking area off the road.
2. Shelly asked for TransCanada's continued support with the maintenance of the Richardson Cemetery. Doug Savadge gave Shelly the name of the Vice President (Bill Taylor) to contact. Steve Gioiosa agreed to take the requests back to TransCanada for consideration.
3. There was some discussion of open space, covenants and deeding the cemetery; however, the project is a long way from being started, so nothing definite was set.
4. Steve Gioiosa was concerned about the exact location of the unnamed cemetery off King Street. He will meet Roy Henry on Friday, November 18, 2005, at the site so he can determine exactly where it is. Steve will then determine the open space area around the cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Buxton Cemetery:

Shelly contacted BJ's representative and asked about the 50 foot buffer. BJ's rep contacted engineering firm and the engineers went out to check the property on Friday, November 11, 2005. No report as of today.

2. Darling Cemetery:

At the September 26, 2005 Conservation Committee meeting Emmanuel Corp was given permission to continue the gravel pit operation with conditions. Condition # 11 states that Emmanuel Corp (Dennis Dore) will work with the Historic Cemetery Committee to ensure the Darling Cemetery is properly protected. Shelly will speak with Mr. Dore when she goes to put up the sign for the cemetery.

3. Holbrook Cemetery:

Albee Realty Trust has dug a well and laid out a preliminary road that goes past the cemetery.

4. Sign Project:

Shelly and Chris Cota went to nine cemeteries and determined where to put the signs. Chris will be putting them up as soon as possible - weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer (2005) Maintenance of Cemeteries agreement with Chris Cota.

Motion made to pay Chris Cota \$1434.00 for summer maintenance of cemeteries by Beth Butler. Second by Mary Brundage. Unanimously approved.

2. Motion made by Beth Butler to pay Chris Cota \$15.00 per cemetery to put up Historic Cemetery signs at 31 cemeteries for a total of \$465.00. Second by Roy Henry. Unanimous (Cemeteries not included - Albee and Holbrook Cemeteries which were done by Frank and Jill Kenrick. St. Mary's to be done by caretaker Tim Rice and Prospect Hill to be done by caretaker Tony Martini.)

3. Fund Raisers

In the spring Shelly will send out postcards or short letters to all abutters of every cemetery and ask for a donation for the maintenance of the cemeteries.

Shelly will write a letter to the Uxbridge Woman's Club asking for a donation to support an historic property survey of the Historic Cemeteries using GPS positioning.

4. Historic Property Survey

The Historic Cemetery Committee will work on an historic property survey using GPS positioning and pictures for each of

the cemeteries Monday, November 28, 2005 through Wednesday November 30, 2005 weather permitting.

5. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday December 13, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Motion made by Beth Butler.
Second by Jill Kenrick Unanimous.
Approved unanimously on January 3, 2006.
