

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes
April 18, 2006

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

Absent: Doris Ostroskey

Motion made to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting by Roy Henry and seconded by Jill Kenrick. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

1. Roy and Beth will be putting flags on veterans' graves on Saturday, May 20th.

2. Connie Dwyer is writing an article about the historic cemeteries in Uxbridge for the New Uxbridge Times. She will be putting in the article a request for donations.

3. Road work on Mendon Street by Lynch's should be starting around May 15, 2006. The HCC wants the iron fencing that will be removed. It will be used to mark boundaries at some of the cemeteries.

4. Aldrich/Buxton Cemetery

Shelly, Roy and Sheryl went on a tour of the cemetery with officials from the BJ's project. They have put up a 50 foot buffer zone around the cemetery. They will also install new fencing around the cemetery itself. They are willing to remove all the dead brush and leaves from the cemetery. Ground penetrating x-ray will be used to accurately mark the graves. After all this has been done, we can go back and mark trees that need to be removed.

5. Bank Accounts

David Genereau, the new Town Treasurer/Collector, will be moving all the town's accounts out of passbooks into other funds. This should yield us some extra money to be used for repair and care of our cemeteries.

6. Town Assessor's Website

Mary Brundage tried to use the town's website to find the abutters for each cemetery. She said it was quite difficult and hard to use. Shelly and Mary worked out a way to get all the abutters and make mailing labels.

7. GPS Positioning of Cemeteries

Shelly has used Google Earth to get the GPS positioning for each cemetery. We still need to double check the information for accuracy.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mountain View Estates

No new information at this time.

2. Evergreen Acres

The Planning Board has voted to accept the Conservation Design Concept with a few adjustments. Both the Richardson Cemetery and the Unnamed Cemetery are well protected in this new plan.

3. Cook Cemetery/Darling Cemetery

Shelly, and Rachel Landry (Gravel Pit Inspector/Conservation) met with Dennis Dorr to check out the Cook Cemetery and the Darling Cemetery. Shelly was satisfied with the reclamation project around the cemeteries. At the Cook Cemetery there is a big pile of earth that was out there when RT 146 was put in. Dennis Dorr is working that area for landowner David Lavallee. Dennis is willing to do whatever David will allow. Shelly will set up an appointment to meet with David Lavallee to discuss what need to be done around the Cook Cemetery.

Access to the Darling Cemetery is still in question. Jill has been doing research on this issue. The deeds seem to show the access goes through the Chicoine property on Millville Road. There is a stream/wet lands between the Chicoine property and Dennis Dorr's land where the Darling Cemetery is located. More research need to be done. A site visit will be done in the middle of June.

4. Gideon Mowry Cemetery

All the scrub around the cemetery ahas been removed. One tree is out of the cemetery. Our thanks to Jerry Lemire for his efforts on this project.

5. Norden Cemetery

Judy Collin provided Form E to Shelly which needs to be filled out for MA Historical, This is being done as part of our larger cemetery project.

Shelly will set up a meeting with Dick Buma, representing Buma Funeral Home, a member of the Board of Health and Harry Romasco from the Board of Selectmen to discuss future burials in this cemetery. The HCC has not been able to get access to the records of the layout of the cemetery. One avenue to pursue might be to ask for the use of Town Counsel to demand the records from Laurie Berthilette of Millville.

6. Marla's TV Program

Shelly would like us to send her an outline of what we will be doing for our session.

7. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday May 16, 2006 at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion made by Beth Butler; seconded by Jill Kenrick Unanimous.