

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

October 23, 2007

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Beth Butler and Jane Snyder

Members absent: Roy Henry and Mary Brundage

Motion made to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2007 meeting by Beth Butler and seconded by Jill Kenrick. Accepted - 4 Abstain - 1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Aldrich-Buxton Cemetery

Cemetery is in pristine condition. The path to the cemetery and some of the surrounding grounds still need to be cleared of hay bales, etc.

The plan for the cemetery is officially filed in the Worcester Registry of Deeds, in Plan Book 862, Plan 24

2. Donations:

General Fund - total donations to date for 2007 - \$955

Senator Moore	\$25
Trans Canada	\$250
D. Armstrong	\$25
Chris Wallace	\$25

Norden - total donations to date for 2007 - \$565

Shirley Laczynski	\$100
Dorothy Belseth	\$100

3. Joseph Richardson

No new damage has occurred at this cemetery. The gates to the high power lines still have not been fixed. The cemetery does not need to be mowed.

4. Fencing

The fencing and finials removed from the Mendon Street Bridge are locked up at the Town Garage. We need to determine if we have enough fencing to do the Taft Cemetery. We are looking for a welder to help us determine exactly what our next step should be.

5. Faith Fellowship Church

They will be doing a work day in the spring. We might be able to use their services to help in a clean up of one of the cemeteries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mowing Bill

Chris Cota has submitted his bill of \$1510 for mowing and cleaning up of the cemeteries.

Motion made by Beth Butler and seconded by Jane Snyder to pay Chris Cota \$260 from the Norden Fund and \$1250 from the General Cemetery Fund. Unanimous

2. Norden Cemetery #6

Jill Kenrick has transcribed the by-law book of the Norden Society of Millville MA. She also printed two copies of our Norden Cemetery's grave data and family genealogy (each 43 pages), and had them bound at Staples.

Shelly, Jill and Sheryl will be presenting a program at the Millville Senior Center in November or December. We are hoping this program will help us gather more data about the individuals and families buried in this cemetery. We just need to have the Millville Senior Center Director and their Board of Directors give us final approval to present the program and a date.

3. Annual Report

Committee members reviewed the annual report written by the Chairman.

Motion made by Jill Kenrick, seconded by Beth Butler to accept the report as written.

Unanimous

4. Draft Application for Earth Removal

The Committee reviewed a Draft Initial Application for Gravel Removal submitted by the Gravel Pit Inspector.

Comments: Committee requests any historic cemetery and its right of way be shown on any application plans.

5. Wal-Mart Grant

Motion by Jane Snyder and Second by Jill to apply for a grant from Wal-Mart for a lap top computer and accessories, to do our research and keep our files. Unanimous

The Cemetery Committee will be applying for a grant from Wal-Mart to get a laptop computer, printer, and all necessary accessories. This equipment will allow us to go out into the cemeteries to record data. It will also allow us to continue the necessary research at various places to make sure our information is accurate. The grant will also enable us to reach our goal of placing this information on the internet for genealogical researchers.

6. Next Meetings

Our next meeting date is changed to Monday, November 19, 2007 because of the Fall Town Meeting on November 20th. The meeting will be at the Farnum House.

The December 18th meeting will be held at the Police Station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Beth Butler; seconded by Sheryl Romasco

Unanimous.