

Historic Cemetery Commission Minutes
Town Hall, Conference Room B
November 6, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Deron Murphy (Chair), Mary Louise Formisano (Vice-Chair), Jason Beaumier, and Gene Dumas.

Members Absent: Chris Feisthamel.

Others Present: Alan Clarke, and James Deakin.

Staff present: Lea Anthony Hitchen, Assistant Town Planner

Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2014

Motion by Mr. Beaumier to approve the October 7, 2014 minutes as written. Seconded by Ms. Formisano. Approved 4 – 0.

Update to Eagle Scout's & Andy Perrin's EGHS Projects

Mr. Perrin's class will be restoring Cemetery #48 and if time permits Cemetery #47 on Monday, November 10th; all paperwork/releases are being collected by Mr. Perrin tomorrow.

Mr. Murphy, an Eagle Scout himself, met with the Zac Magiera, the future Eagle Scout and his mother at the library to discuss logistics for the cemetery cleanup he will essentially manage himself. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Clarke visited the Joseph Fry Lot, Cemetery #13, which is very overgrown, but agreed it would be a great project for the scout who will have about 10 volunteers along with parents. Mr. Paul Bailey, who owns the property said to dump debris over the cemetery wall as cemetery is located far in from street. This project is expected to take place on both November 15th and December 6th.

Mr. James Deakin, a student of Andy Perrin, was present to discuss with the Commission a cemetery restoration for his senior project. Mr. Deakin explained that he has been helping Mr. Feisthamel on a couple of cemetery cleanups thus far and has volunteered about 10 hours of field work. For his project he would like to focus on Cemetery #24, Captain Samuel Fry Lot, located on Cedar Avenue, on November 15th and November 26th. Work includes cleaning brush, raking leaves near the pond, and including Michelle Gleason who will help him restore the grave stones.

Ms. Hitchen requested that Mr. Deakin inform her after the cleanup of debris collected so she can notify DPW to pick up leaf bags.

Fall EG Cemetery Clean-Up Campaign – Clean-up for November 15th

The Commissioners discussed the cemeteries to be restored for the upcoming cleanup on November 15th – as of now Ms. Formisano has 2 volunteers from the High School Interact Group but that could change. The Commissioners decided to cleanup cemeteries #13 (Eagle Scout project), continue with #18 (located at Briarbrook Farm) and Mr. Deakin will clean #24.

Future Cemetery Clean-Ups

Ms. Formisano informed the Commission she had been contacted by Matthew Kelly, who volunteered with the Salve Regina group in September, and was requesting to get more Salve Regina students involved in community service during their March Spring Break. He requested to have a cemetery cleanup on March 9, 2015. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to support Mr. Kelly's request and would find a cemetery for his group of 15 volunteers to restore. Ms. Formisano would reply to Mr. Kelly's request.

State Cemetery Advisory Representative Report

Mr. Clarke reported that he has been gathering additional information about three additional cemeteries west of Carr's Pond Road, but located in East Greenwich; those cemeteries would be numbered #93, #94, and #95. He has also been researching Cemetery #92 which could be located on the Huling property.

The Commissioner's agreed they would like to represent the Cemetery Commission in the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade; Mr. Dumas, Mr.

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Beaumier and Mr. Clarke would be willing to walk with banners. Ms. Hitchen will inform the Town Clerk.

In other updates, the Commission's noted the First Aid kits could use antiseptic, tweezers, etc. Ms. Hitchen will contact the Fire Department to restock the kits.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.