

Historic Cemetery Commission Minutes
6 Main Street (Varnum Armory)
December 6, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Deron Murphy (Chair), Kathy Healey and Chris Feisthamel.

Staff present: Lea Anthony Hitchen, Assistant Town Planner

Approval of Minutes – November 1, 2016

Motion by Mr. Feisthamel to approve the November 1, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded by Ms. Healey. Approved 3-0.

Approval of the 2017 HCC Meeting Schedule

Motion by Mr. Feisthamel to approve the 2017 meeting schedule, seconded by Ms. Healey. Approved 3-0.

Outcome of the November 19th Cemetery Cleanup

Mr. Murphy indicated the November 19th cleanup was very successful even with four volunteers— two cemeteries along Cedar Avenue were cleaned and over 70 lawn bags were filled with leaves/debris and a large pile of branches was accumulated. Mr. Murphy noted neighbors showed interest in participating in future cleanups.

Mr. Feisthamel asserted he rented a walk behind leaf blower from Taylor Rental in North Kingstown (rented for \$20, normally an \$80 charge) on Sunday instead of returning to the Cedar Ave. cemeteries. He used it with two other volunteers to clean Cemetery #62 which now looks beautiful. Mr. Feisthamel suggested sending a thank you note to Taylor Rentals for their generous rental fee. Staff would prepare a thank you letter.

Eagle Scout Projects Update

Mr. Robert Leigh from E.G. Troop 1 had contacted Mr. Murphy via email indicating his future Eagle Scout would like his project to document cemeteries, starting with Cemetery #72.

HCC Shed at Frenchtown Fire Station update

Mr. Feisthamel noted the Lions Club members are interested in assisting construct a shed, unfortunately they will not be able to provide funding but they can provide the muscle.

Financial Review

As of the last received Bank Newport statement received there is \$3,997.08 in the HCC account (no change from last month).

State Cemetery Advisory Representative Report (Alan Clarke)

Mr. Clarke was not present.

Public Comment

No comment.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Feisthamel, seconded by Ms. Healey. Approved 3 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.