



**City owned Cemeteries Advisory
Committee Minutes
May 14 , 2019
Veteran's Services Building
12 Emerson Ave. Gloucester
5:30-7:00 PM**

Present: Sandy Barry, Carol Kelly, Beverly McKean, Chris Maney, Patti Amaral,

Guests: Kathy Clark, Kathy Hurlburt. Richard Clark,

1. April 2019 minutes review and accepted
2. Dolliver Volumes I and II are in the final review stage and will be presented officially at the next meeting. See attached note on the Subcommittee meeting.
3. Eagle Scout work day: Saturday May 9 is the meeting summary and proposed start date for work is Saturday, June 1, 10:00-4.
Henry Jacques and members of the Committee will work to have supplies and materials as well as support in place for Saturday June 1st. This will include cleaning and repair supplies as well as all-day Committee presence.
4. 2018 DPW purchase orders for restoration equipment, gravel and sand: Chris will handle coordinating with the DPW to get all of our allocated moneys spent to purchase gravel and sand (to support the work of the Fannin's as well as our work).
5. Accurate GPS: As Mike Hale suggested, using the expensive equipment from the DPW will give us exact GPS information. He would like it to be part of the DPW summer intern's work and we'll coordinate with that. Some stones that we want to get data on are marked -- FPBG American Revolution 'red' flags, Civil War 'yellow' flags. See attached report on the meeting.
6. FPBG Inventory of Campbell and Sparling materials at the Gloucester City's archive: Presented by Chris Maney, a great example of the kind of resource organization and presentation we're working toward in general. Sandy will post it on the website.

7. Progress report on the list with photos of Veterans gravestones at FPBG that are missing, badly broken, and/or in need of repair: Veteran's Dept. is going to buy stone for veterans. First will be Nathaniel Warner test case. Discussion about best material, brass, granite, or marble. Richard Clark pointed out that most of the Civil War stones are marble so it might be appropriate to stick with that for those. Others could probably be granite..
8. Further discussion on funding possibilities to repair and secure the below-ground tomb. Locking and more secure cover. This was tabled.
9. Sunday morning 10:00 work group status: Rockport has requested the opportunity to join and are most welcome. We need to send the information (Face Book posts) to Randy Saville in Rockport.
10. Request from "Friends of Dogtown": Sandy was looking for information about where the residents were buried and Carol was able to get a list from the City Archives. This was e-mailed to Sandy.
11. Progress report on the research on specific historical residents stories of people's lives. Each of us had a short summary of work so far.
12. City of Gloucester 400th Cemetery Committee summary -- booklet Lives of the Silent Stones, 10 stories from each century. On-going project.
13. Cemetery condition reports: An email has been sent to the Universalist Church requesting a meeting or discussion re: their maintenance of the Universalist Church Yard and Unitarian Church Yard. No response as yet.
14. Other business: Richard has made contact with the Sheriff's Dept. and has scheduled some work crews for FPBG/Clarks.
15. Sandy will follow up on the idea of having some hats put together for the Committee/interested people
16. Next monthly meeting starts at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, Veteran's Building, Emerson Ave. Gloucester, MA

Subcommittee Report: Went over the finalization of the Dolliver and discussed possible plans for printing as well as possible expenditures before the end of the fiscal year. POs will be firmed up and generated at our next meeting. .

Report on DPW meeting -- Carol A. Kelly/Mike Hale -- 5/17/2019

1. Stones in the Veteran's Building that must be moved: Mike immediately said, he'd send a couple of his guys over to get them and store them in the DPW. I called and spoke to Adam to let him know what was happening. Problem solved.
2. Storage for all our stuff: Mike has ordered a 10' (I hope my notes are right on that size) refurbished storage shed that will be there (FPBG) for the "season". We'll have keys/padlock to deal with but will be able to have access to our stuff and secure storage.
3. Water for the season: FPBG will be on this week. It will probably have a "key" (rather than a faucet which local kids might be tempted by). I think I should check back on that for Sunday.
4. GPS: The real purpose of this meeting -- after a careful assessment which led to the decision to use a dedicated GPS device rather than our phones, I asked Mike about borrowing/using/ordering a device for the Committee. He was pretty sure that we could borrow from the DPW a much higher quality device and he's even going to look into the possibility of having a summer intern to do some of our work!
5. Signage: I shared with Mike our plans to have a "field trip"/subcommittee meeting to discuss/locate/identify signage possibilities. Mike says he has some money for this and better to develop a grand wish list which we can trim than to think small. Pictures? Drawing? Names and/or information signs? QR codes?