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Cemeteries Advisory Committee

Meeting

October 8, 2019

Veterans Building

12 Emerson Ave.

5:30pm-7:00pm

Committee Members Present: Sandy Barry, Patti Amaral, Chris Maney

Guests: Kathy Clark, Dot Marshall

1. September 2019 minutes were accepted. It is noted that CAC will clarify with Carol Kelly the 4.b entry in the September 2019 minutes and identify which 4 historical gravestones were removed in 1987.
2. Completion of a 15-minute PowerPoint presentation for the October 22nd Gloucester City Council meeting will be completed by the CAC committee sometime before the 22nd.
3. Sandy Barry is compiling an Excel sheet listing the 2019 restorations/repairs completed at FPBG, Bray, and Clark cemeteries.
4. Carol Kelly will present the City of Gloucester Headstone Loan form to Cape Ann Museum and Chris Maney will present the City of Gloucester Headstone Loan form to West Gloucester Trinitarian Congregational Church.
5. Discussion of possible contributions to the upcoming 400th anniversary of Gloucester includes a cemetery booklet, where x number of people will be highlighted in x cemeteries; historical walking tours of cemeteries in period dress; a brochure that offers a self-guided tour and map of specific cemeteries.
6. CAC is in the process of gathering data and examples for signage/interpretive kiosks to be erected in the city-owned cemeteries. There was a discussion of a decorative wrought iron archway entrance similar to the one at Oak Hill Cemetery at 45 Poplar St, Gloucester, MA 01930. This topic will be continued at future CAC monthly meetings.
7. Five FPBG plot maps from the 1986 -1995 Restoration Project (Sparling-Campbell) were laminated and displayed at the meeting.

8. Chris Maney spoke to Mt. Pleasant Memorials to ask for a rough cost estimate for a FPBG bronze Veterans plaque (24 X 14 inches), **American Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors**, inscribed with 39-40 names. The estimated cost was \$1750. Mt. Pleasant Memorials offered to make a mockup of the plaque if the project was to go forward. This plaque would be given as a gift to the City of Gloucester from the Sons of the American Revolution.
9. A DPW cemetery supply order was picked up by Chris and John Maney and will be delivered to the DPW storage shed at FPBG on Sunday the 13th. The 5010 epoxy was part of this specific order. All items will be labeled with neon pink tape indicating that it is the property of Gloucester DPW.
10. CAC members will meet with Paul Keane of the Gloucester Engineering Department and AppGeo on October 22nd to discuss GPS tags that can be used in the digitization of the city's cemetery plots. CAC will borrow a handheld Garmin Montana 650 GPS unit from John Maney and use it to record GPS tags in FPBG. These GPS coordinates will be posted to Findagrave.com and a digital cemetery plot record.
11. Progress is being made in the restoration/repair of the two Freeman stones in Bray Cemetery, 379 Essex Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930. The work is being accomplished by the Gloucester Sunday Gravestone Restoration Crew, local volunteers that offer their time and expertise for gravestone restoration. The Gloucester Sunday Gravestone Restoration Crew works most Sunday mornings from late April till the end of October. More volunteers are always welcomed. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Bray-Cemetery-Gloucester-MA-246692009006569/>
12. New Business: Patti Amaral brought in a number of boxes of Gloucester cemetery files that were "Records of Burial". This information was donated by Ellen Nelson. Sandy Barry took the donated material home to examine the contents more thoroughly.
13. Next monthly meeting starts at 5:30pm on Tuesday, **November 12, 2019**, Gloucester Veterans Services, 12 Emerson Ave. Gloucester, MA 01930

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by Chris Maney

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the mee6ng. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.