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City-owned Cemeteries Advisory Committee

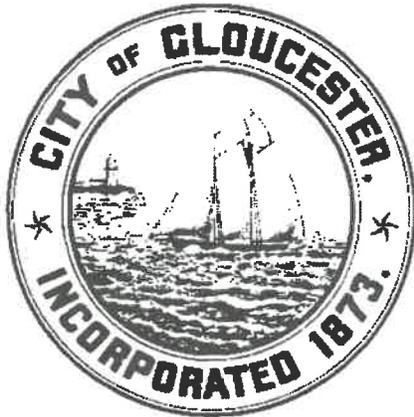
Meeting

February 11, 2020

Veterans Service Building

12 Emerson Ave.

5:30pm-7:00pm



Committee Members Present: Sandy Barry, Beverly McKean, Christine Maney

Guests: Donna Tulla, Nancy Tulla, Rev. Alice Erickson, Sarah McNutt

1. December 2019 minutes were accepted.
2. Sandy Barry reported that the final proof of the bronze American Revolutionary Veterans plaque for First Parish Burial Ground Cemetery (FPBG) has been approved. Joseph Gauthier, who spearheaded this Sons of the American Revolution project, told Sandy that Gloucester will be the first city/town in Massachusetts to receive such a plaque, a gift from the Sons of the American Revolution. The installation of the plaque at FPBG and formal ceremony will be sometime in May.
3. In the November 2019 minutes CCAC noted specific signage characteristics "signage for the city-owned cemeteries: a cemetery sign would display a map, brief history, QR codes (covering , for example, historical citizens, soldiers/sailors, sea captains, women of note, poets/artists, ordinary citizens and their contributions), and photos. The sign would be mounted on a kiosk and placed in the entrance of the cemetery". The signage conversation will continue at the March meeting with examples of cemetery signage photos, helping the committee to move forward in this discussion.
4. CCAC had a productive discussion with members of the Council for the West Gloucester Trinitarian Congregational Church; Donna Tulla, Nancy Tulla, and Rev. Alice Erickson. The Church's comments regarding the archival gravestone loan form between the City and the Church were discussed. Suggested modifications to the loan form will be reviewed by the CCAC and presented to the City lawyer for approval.
5. After attending the 400<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee of January 29, 2020, Christine Maney reported that even though the celebration is a few years off, it was made apparent at the

steering committee meeting that committees need to get their activities into motion due to the 2020-2021 timetables established for advertising upcoming events/celebrations regarding publications and tourism. A Gloucester freshman history class is involved in the 400<sup>th</sup> celebration and CCAC agreed that we could be a cemetery resource to the class if needed. Christine will contact the high school history teacher leading this project.

6. Beverly McKean is in contact with Mike Hale, Director of DPW, discussing the possibilities of a storage area for Gloucester gravestones that have been removed from their original site.
7. Sarah McNutt, a Gloucester resident, asked CCAC if she could be the steward for the city-owned cemetery, Prospect Street Cemetery. CCAC was delighted to accept her request to be the steward of this cemetery.
8. Since Prospect Street Cemetery is a city-owned cemetery, Beverly will speak with Mike Hale to see what city resources (like trash pickup and mowing) are available for this city-owned cemetery.
9. Sandy will contact Margie Lavender of Harmony Grove Cemetery in Salem, MA for possible dates for a March/April CCAC cemetery tour and discuss their Harmony Grove Cemetery booklet.
10. Christine will send out an email to the Gloucester cemetery restoration volunteers and CCAC members asking for contributions to a list of possible names to be used in an informational cemetery booklet that will profile the lives of a number of Gloucester residents who are buried in specific city-owned cemeteries. Details of the Gloucester cemetery booklet are still in development. This information may also be available as a digital document in the future.
11. Planning for the collection of the GPS coordinates for cemetery stones in FPBG will be discussed at the March meeting.
12. Further discussion is needed to finalize the mission statement for the 400<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Committee. CCAC members will give this some thought and share their ideas at the March meeting.
13. Christine will visit the 14 city-owned cemeteries and record which ones are “Adopted by” a specific person, organization, or business.
14. Sandy was sworn in by the City to serve on the CCAC for another three years.

15. It is with deep regret that CCAC accepted Patti Amaral's immediate resignation. Patti was dubbed the "Cheerleader" because along with her many contributions to the care of the City-owned cemeteries, she always provided an upbeat attitude that gave us all a boost. Patti is one of those special people who makes Gloucester better.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56PM

Next monthly meeting starts at 5:30pm on Tuesday, **March 10, 2020**, Gloucester Veterans Services Building, 12 Emerson Ave. Gloucester, MA 01930

Respectfully Submitted by Christine Maney