



City of Gloucester
City-owned Cemeteries Advisory Committee

Meeting

March 10, 2020

Veterans Service Building

12 Emerson Ave.

5:30pm-7:00pm

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Committee Members Present: Sandy Barry, Carol Kelly, Christine Maney

1. February 2020 minutes were accepted.
2. Sandy Barry reported that the bronze American Revolutionary Veterans plaque for First Parish Burial Ground Cemetery (FPBG) was in production. Once a date is set, Sandy volunteered to write the invitation to city and state dignitaries inviting them to attend the installation of the Veterans plaque at FPBG.
3. Sandy would also contact Joseph Gauthier to gather more details on the construction of the of the poles and if the poles are attached to the plaque when it is constructed. Also, who in Gloucester will be receiving the plaque before the formal installation?
4. Beverly McKean will keep Mike Hale, Director of Gloucester DPW up to date on the plaque's progress. Once the installation date is set, she will ask for DPW assistance in digging the holes for the 2 poles that will support the plaque.
5. It was agreed that City-owned cemetery signage would include the following information: established cemetery name, map, brief history, Gloucester City QR code, and relevant photographs. At this time, the Greenbelt signage near the entrance of Cove Hill (Lanesville) Cemetery is acting as a model for the possible layout of information on a city cemetery sign.
6. With respect to developing cemetery signage information as stated in #5 above: Sandy Barry has volunteered to work on Sumner, Clark (review content with Richard and Kathy Clark) , FPBG, and Bray Cemeteries. Carol Kelly will work on Langsford and Second Parish Cemeteries and Christine Maney will work on Bay View and Cove Hill Cemeteries.
7. Of the 14 City-owned cemeteries, the following cemeteries currently bear signs that mention "Adopted by"
 - Langford Cemetery** (32-34 Langsford St) – Carroll Steele Insurance
 - Magnolia Point Cemetery** (61 Magnolia Ave) – Magnolia Historical Society
 - Sumner Street Cemetery** (42 Sumner St) – Jordan and Shire Firestone in honor of Andrew and Harriett Nutton
 - Cove Hill Cemetery** (1052R Washington St) – Walter and Joyce McGrath
 - Bray Cemetery** (379 Essex Ave) – Roger Owen Davis (DOD July 2002)
8. Tabled: Update on DPW storage area for Gloucester gravestones that have been removed from their original site. (Beverly McKean)

9. Tabled : Update on what city DPW resources (like trash pickup and mowing) are available for the city-owned cemetery, Prospect Street. (Beverly McKean)
10. CCAC accepted the changes requested by the West Gloucester Trinitarian Congregational Church Council with respect to the to the City's archival gravestone loan form. The loan form will be reviewed by the City's legal group and then forwarded to the Church Council and Mike Hale, Director of DPW, for signatures.
11. The signed archival gravestone loan forms are given to and stored at the Gloucester DPW in the care of Rose LoPiccolo.
12. Christine Maney reported that a Gloucester 400 Genealogy committee meeting, a subgroup of the Heritage 400 Committee, would be meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at the Sawyer Free Library. Members of CCAC asked to be added to the Gloucester 400 Genealogy committee's mailing list.
13. A visit to tour and discuss publication materials at Harmony Grove Cemetery in Salem, MA is planned for Saturday, March 21, 2020.
14. At this time, no information to report about possible names to be used in an informational city cemetery booklet.
15. Tabled: Planning for the collection of the GPS coordinates for cemetery stones in FPBG
16. Table: Further discussion to finalize the mission statement for the 400th Cemetery Committee
17. Due to the stepping down of CCAC member Patti Amaral there is a CCAC vacancy. Carol Kelly (an alternate) was asked if she would like to fill the vacancy, She declined and Christine Maney (an alternate) was then asked and she accepted. Sandy Barry was going to approach Russell and Melissa Hobbs to see if either of them would be interested in accepting the open CCAC alternate position.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

Next monthly meeting starts at 5:30pm on Tuesday, **April 14, 2020**, Gloucester Veterans Services Building, 12 Emerson Ave. Gloucester, MA 01930

Respectfully Submitted by Christine Maney