



**Cemetery Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
November 14, 2017  
Veteran's Services Building  
12 Emerson Ave.  
Gloucester  
5:30-7:00 PM**

Present:

Committee Members: Sandy Barry, Beverly McKean, Carol Kelly, Patti Amaral

Guest: Christine Maney

1. October 2017 minutes review: Accepted and they have been posted
2. Budget letter: Sandy has prepared this and it will be delivered to Mike Hale at the DPW.
3. SHRAB grant -- Status update: The Fannin's have completed this fall's work. They will be writing a report including documentation and then we'll be able to submit this to the granting authority. The report should be completed within 60 days and an email to the Fannins will remind them. The DPW will be contacted to see if materials purchased for the project can be stored for the winter.
4. Cemetery Inventory: Nothing done this month
5. Daughters of the American Revolution "Day of Service" conducted at Langsford Cemetery. Sandy attended along with members of the Cape Ann DAR. Five stones were cleaned. No water available but friendly neighbors gave us access.



6. Clark's Cemetery entrance from the Oval field to Clark's and FPBG in progress. Started by the DPW and/or volunteer help. Question about completed status will be asked at DPW meeting.

7. Publicity Update, contact Marty Luster, Beacon, GDT, GMG. Keep Facebook pages up to date. The Committee wants to increase our visibility.

8. Other business

- Callie Crossley interviewed Loren Rhoads, exploring the topic of Rhoads' new book, *199 Cemeteries to See Before You Die*.  
<http://news.wgbh.org/2017/11/10/author-graveyard-aficionado-asks-whats-your-favorite-cemetery> Rhoads also has a fun blog on travel and seeing cemeteries.  
<https://cemeterytravel.com/2011/07/31/the-strange-case-of-taphophila/>
- Visit to the Auditor has given us information about two line items in which donations or funds could be managed. Questions for the DPW about if this would work and how.
- Now that work on FPBG has been completed for the fall, we are concerned about materials purchased for the project. Can the DPW move it and store it for the winter?
- Meeting with Lucia at Veteran's Services about costs for Veteran burials. All veteran's can be buried free of charge in city-owned plots. All veterans can receive a granite or bronze plaque free of charge for use in any cemetery. If veteran's choose to be buried with their family, in their plots, they do not receive any special discounts.
- Discussion about upcoming presentations and grant requests, 1. Budget and Finance for the CPA November 16. 2. Awesome Gloucester on November 30.



Meeting adjourned 6:55.

Respectfully submitted Carol A. Kelly