



**Cemeteries Advisory
Committee
Minutes
June 12, 2018
Veteran's Services Building
12 Emerson Ave. Gloucester
5:30-7**

Present: Sandy Barry, Beverly McKean, Patti Amaral, Chris Maney, Carol Kelly
Guests: Kathy Clark, Richard Clark

1. May 9, 2018 minutes reviewed and accepted.
2. Year 2017 Mayor's report has been sent to the DPW
3. CAC funds update: budget, and process to be reimbursed. Money will be available to share or invoice.
4. Walter McGrath award for caring for Cove Hill cemetery soon. Chris will check with City Hall re: how to give citizen award.
5. SHRAB grant payment status. Went to budget and finance already. Should be complete.
6. CPA grant work has not yet begun. The Fanin's plan to visit FPBG soon to plan/schedule work for this year.
7. CAC and DPW meeting review.

Meeting notes:

Mike Hale, Beverly McKean, Carol Kelly

Monday, June 11, 2018

Purpose: to clarify some communications and plans.

1. Perpetual Care fund – although Mike is able to tap into it now and then, we really do need to follow up on it to see how much is in there – how and for what it can be accessed.

It is managed through the city Trust Fund managers, headed by John Dunn which meets and signs off on requests. We too can make requests to this fund but it would always be better if any requests were run by Mike Hale so that cooperation and communication remains open.

2. We shared information about deposit of funds in city account which is now available to help fund Tripod/Hoist which Mike is going to facilitate. He now knows all he has to do is have our permission and invoice it. We'll send him a note specifying how much is available for this purpose and how to access it and he will find the funds to complete the purchase approximately \$400 Carol will follow up.
3. Water for FPBG and Clark is still on the agenda
4. Mike is going to find/situate a trailer/storage pod on the grounds near/on the oval containing work tools for the cemeteries. It'll be up to the Committee to secure (new lock) and share (who has keys).
5. We rambled through a number of other Cemetery concerns and came out with the idea that stronger and clearer communication through the Cemetery Committee would make all of this work better.

Still needs to be done: Check with Mark Cole re what can come out of the fund....Carol.

8. Richard and Kathy Clark have several concerns and hopes.

A. The Clark's work very hard but would love to see more volunteers or workgroups. They plan to contact the Clean Team or One-Hour-At-A-Time. Mark Kartcher.....

<https://www.facebook.com/One-Hour-at-a-Time-Gang-869627923095522/>

Patti offered to help them but asked for a reminder-- Email her. GLASS!! Cemetery Restoration Partnership.....Facebook page exists.

B. It would help to know what areas will be worked on by NPS workshop -- (so Kathy can clean poison ivy....e.g.).

C.KNOTWEED – We still don't have a firm plan for dealing with this. Chopping needs to continue. Richard has done research and discovered there are two types of pesticides – sticks to it....another kind is injectable. A plan needs to be written with a timeline in it and submitted to Mike Hale. Richard is also concerned that if Clark Cemetery Neighbors – National Grid and RR – don't deal with THEIR knotweed, our efforts will be wasted.

9. Restoration: Susie Talbert from Essex, specializes in low growth/drought resistant vegetation. Has a list of ground covers. The Clark plan to implement some of these. Kathy has been putting sedge around white marble tombs.

10. Mike Hale/DPW is paying for the Corliss stone/Clark/Tamara Conde, excellent preservationist Historic Gravestone Services/New Salem, MA

9. Cemetery Database -- We continue to work on harvesting material to include in the DB. This month Carol will be contacting Find A Grave.

10. August 3 and 4 are the dates for the 2nd workshop with Moss Rudley, the Superintendent of Historic Preservation Training Center, National Park Service. He will be contacted to see about a current brochure.

11. Tri-pod lift...see above.

12. Chris will approach NHS at HS re: fall work in the cemetery

13. Sons of the American Revolution marker update. We need to identify Revolutionary War graves. Contact Lucia Amero re: a list.

13. Status on \$709 reimburse for Sand and Gravel SRT.....called Mike and Enza says it's on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Kelly