

Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries
Commissioners Meeting
May 3, 2016

The meeting of the Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries was called to order by Chair, Pegée Malcolm at 6:35 pm. Present were commissioners Mark Brown, Maria Pease, Cindy Corkum, Dereck Byrne Bob Darigan, Colin Parkhurst and Michelle Place. Also present were Bob Chorney, Jim Osteguy and Lisa DeMay and from the Planning Department, Susan Cabeceiras. Jane Winton was excused.

The minutes from the March 29th meeting were read by Ms. Malcolm and the content discussed.

Pegée presented Bob Chorney with the 4 new bar clamps the Commission has purchased. Bob has been restoring headstones in Warwick Cemeteries.

The spring cleanup of Brayton Cemetery will took place on April 9, 2016, and had about a dozen people attend. Pegée also took the Tollgate kids and Sue assigned a few volunteers to finish the cleanup.

Colin had planned cleanups of both WK#43 behind the Showcase Cinema on Division Road and WK #112 on Nancy Karen Drive on April 16th. WK 43 was a “spectacular success” they painted the gate and found a head stone. It appears the head stone was a duplicate. Colin did some research and presented the following options of what to do with the duplicate headstone:

1. Break it up and use it to reset the other identical headstone.
2. Bury it in front of the other stone
3. Have the words of the stone scraped off and reuse the stone.
4. Erect the old stone behind the new stone.

Sue was asked to put this matter on the agenda of next month’s meeting so the Commissioners can vote on which option to use. Colin spoke with the Manager of the Showcase Cinema and they have agreed to have the landscaper maintain this cemetery.

Colin reported that WK 112 Nancy Karen Drive had a smaller crew working and the cemetery still needs additional work. He has another cleanup scheduled for June 11th.

The library presentation was discussed. The Warwick Historical Society that had asked the Warwick Historical Cemeteries Commission to put this presentation on had cancelled the event due to bad weather. The rescheduled date is August 17th.

Maria presented a motion to approve the April minutes; Mark seconded this motion that was unanimously approved.

Sue reported that she had sent a letter to Mr. Boucher who owns property adjacent to Cemetery WK #84, inviting him to attend this or the June meeting. She had not yet heard from Mr. Boucher.

Pegee reported that the cleanup of WK 3 was held and 40 people including Pawtuxet Rangers, Warwick Historical Society, friends and neighbors of Toy family. They pulled up 12 stones and 4 bases and cleaned the entire cemetery.

Mark has cleaned WK #75, Pilgrim Urban Sociology has cleaned WK #63, 9, 44, 45 and 160. Tollgate Urban Sociology cleaned WK #135, 90, 34, and 165. Lisa has cleaned WK #80 and Bob C cleaned in East Greenwich. Dereck said he had a neighbor named Eric who needs 40 hours and will have him contact Pegee.

Pegee will pick up the flags at the veterans cemetery and the Commissioners agreed to meet at Brayton Cemetery on May 17th at 6pm (rain date may 18th) to flag Brayton and collect their flags for the other cemeteries they will flag before Memorial Day. The Commissioners were assigned the following cemeteries to flag.

Michelle 40, 57, 60, 84

Jane 16, 25, 26, 28, 37, 53, 61

Bob C. 9, 48, 54, 99

Maria 35, 36, 28

Dereck 16, 18, 19, 27, 29, 31, 32, 37, 67, 74, 106, 135, and 152

Colin 3, 7, 43, 45, 46, 112, and 132

Sue 58, 63, 10, 8, 53, 56, 63, 65, 72, 73

Pegee and Cindy will split 1, 2, 23, 25, 29, 33, 39, 47, 55, 64, 68, 80, 113, 114, 125, and 126

Mark 75 and 34

Bob D. 34

Mark and Jim have met with Marcus Channel, City Surveyor who has surveyed WK 165. They provided the Commissioners with maps of the surveyed cemetery.

Michelle will schedule a meeting of WK 55 on May 21 with Tom Greene.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dereck, seconded by Michelle and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cabeceiras