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Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries
Commissioners Meeting
October 4, 2016

The meeting of the Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries was called to order by Chair, Pegee Malcolm at 6:40 pm. Present were commissioners Mark Brown, Maria Pease, Cindy Corkum, Jane Winton, Bob Darigan, Lisa DeMay and Michelle Place. Also present were, Mike Lannigan, Bob Chorney and from the Planning Department, Susan Cabeceiras. Dereck Byrne was not excused.

The minutes from the September meeting were read by Ms. Malcolm and the content discussed.

Michelle presented a motion to approve the September minutes. This motion was seconded by Jane and unanimously approved.

The Commissioners thanked Pegee for hosting the August meeting at her house and providing dinner.

Sue had received the new veteran stone for Philetus Arnold that Mike Lannigan had asked Pegee to order. The Commissioners viewed the stone which was then given to Mike to install at WK #34.

Pegee showed the Commissioners the Warwick Beacon article on WK #107 Fostmere Court. Councilman Ladouceur talked to Pegee to complain that this cemetery was a mess a month and a half earlier. Pegee sent him back to look at the cemetery that she and several others had been working on. He called her back to tell her it looked fantastic, and he called the Warwick Beacon.

WK #3 will be having a stone setting event on October 15th.

Dereck Byrne has missed over 5 meetings this year. Sue read the following to the Commissioners from their bylaws:

1. Implicit Resignation

In the event that any member of the historical cemetery commission shall be absent from four meetings in one calendar year, he/she may be replaced as a member of the commission. Such replacement shall be made by the mayor and confirmed by the city council and such membership shall terminate upon the appointment and confirmation of the member chosen as a replacement. (Code 1971, § 5-43)

Dereck's term is up on November 1, 2016. He will not be reappointed. Sue will send him a letter informing him.

Pegee announced that cleanup work at WK #106 on Tiernan Ave is almost finished. The Cedar Tree Point Association may maintain this cemetery when this cleanup is completed. Mark and Pegee will meet with them. An original Pawtuxet Ranger is buried there; sometime around March 4th the Pawtuxet Rangers will do a rededication.

Lisa is cleaning WK 92 behind Doherty Ale House, there are a few stones that need to be repaired.

WK #34 Brayton Cemetery fall cleanup will be held in December. The Commission will select the date at the next meeting.

The Association of Gravestone Studies is holding their conference on October 15th Pegee and Cindy may go and asked if anyone else wanted to go they could carpool.

WK #106 Pegee, Bob C. and Lisa found an odd looking stone and brought it to Peter Mair and Francis Miller of ConserveArt who were working at WK #26. They think the stone may actually be a dinosaur foot print fossil. Peter has the stone and will have PAL use an electron microscope to tell if it is natural or carved.

Mike is ordering two headstones like the Philetus Arnold stone for East Greenwich.

The Commissioners welcomed Lisa as the newest member of the Commission.

A motion to adjourn was made by Maria, seconded by Mark and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cabeceiras