

Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries  
Commissioners Meeting  
February 2, 2016

The meeting of the Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries was called to order by Chair, Pegee Malcolm at 6:31 pm. Present were commissioners Mark Brown, Bob Darigan, Maria Pease, Cindy Corkum, Jane Winton, Dereck Byrne, Michelle Place Gleason and Colin Parkhurst and from the Planning Department, Susan Cabeceiras. Guests included Bob Chorney and Alan Clarke.

Alan Clarke has discovered two cemeteries in Potowomut. He thinks one cemetery is located near the Little Red Hen School, near cemetery WK#48. This cemetery appears to be on Plat 209 and was the Winn family property. Maria knows the former owners of the property in question, and asked the granddaughter who doesn't remember ever seeing any stones on the property. Sue printed out Plat 209 and gave copies to all present.

The second cemetery that Clarke has discovered is located on Plat 207 on the Gammell's property. Sue provided copies of Plat 207 that already identifies a cemetery. Mark will do research on both of these cemeteries and see what he can find out.

There is some confusion about cemetery flags that are provided by the Veterans Cemetery and who collects them and flags in Warwick. Pegee will contact the people that the Veterans Cemetery has on file as having picked up flags in the past and try to figure out who picks up flags and what they do with them.

The Commissioners discussed the city survey of WK #84 on Plymouth Avenue. Mark researched ownership of the cemetery and discovered that the right of way is through Amtrak property.

Colin presented a motion to approve the January minutes; Cindy seconded this motion that was unanimously approved.

The Commissioners discussed the wording of the letter to be sent to the owners of WK #84. Sue will take it to her meeting with the City Solicitor on Monday for review.

Pegee showed the Commissioners a reflective safety vest that can be ordered for Commissioners for \$15 each, with \$8 charge for lettering. The Commissioners will discuss this again after July when the new budget is available to the Commission.

Pegee told the Commissioners that she can order Cemetery Signs and asked that Commissioners let her know if they notice cemeteries that do not have signs.

Pegee explained that a House Resolution was passed proclaiming Saturday, April 16, 2016 as Historic Cemetery Restoration/Awareness Day in the State of RI.

Cindy has been in contact with the Warwick Public Library who would like the Commission to do a presentation on RI Cemeteries on April 4, 2016, similar to that done in 2007. Sue printed the power point presentation that she put together for the last presentation. Pegee asked Colin to present on Geocaching, Mark to present on finding lost cemeteries by researching in the archives, and Sue will present on the cemetery adoption program and community service. The other Commissioners will let Sue know what they plan on discussing, and Sue will put a power point presentation together.

Michelle brought up the issue of dogs defecating in cemeteries and a discussion ensued on how to stop this.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy, seconded by Dereck and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cabeceiras