

**Contact Information:**

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**Description:**

The Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries was established by the Warwick City Council by Code of Ordinance Article V section 6-121. The Warwick Historical Cemetery Commission is constantly striving to organize the residents of Warwick to maintain each of the City's 150 Historical Cemeteries.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the historical cemetery commission shall be as follows: The commission shall cause to be created an inventory of historical cemeteries within the city; formulate and develop plans and programs to restore, rehabilitate and maintain historical cemeteries; recommend to the mayor and city council such action as may be necessary to implement such plans and programs; and investigate sources of funds, including fundraising, grants and development of both corporate and individual sponsors, and all other legitimate and related activities.

**Membership and appointment:**

- (1) Membership is restricted to *bona fide* residents of the city.
- (2) Membership is restricted to a maximum of seven members. The commission shall also include two alternates, to be designated as the first and second alternate members. These alternate members shall sit and may actively participate in hearings. The first alternate shall vote if a member of the board is unable to serve at a hearing. In the absence of the first alternate member, the second alternate member shall serve in the position of the first alternate. No member or alternate may vote on any matter before the board unless they have attended all hearings concerning such matter.
- (3) The members shall be appointed by the mayor from a group of prominent and actively interested citizens.

**Resources:**

1. [High School Community Service Flyer](#) - (PDF Version)
2. [Cemetery adoption form](#) - (PDF Version)
3. [Do's and Don'ts of Cemetery Cleanups](#) - (PDF Version)
4. [Information on Ticks and Lyme disease](#) -
5. [Photographs of Warwick Historical Cemeteries](#) coming soon, photos of all individual stones in each cemetery!
6. *"WARWICK, Rhode Island HISTORICAL CEMETERIES"* By John E. Sterling, 1997

This book is the product of four years of research gathering all early cemetery transcripts and visiting each cemetery to check the existing data and add new records. Forty-nine previously unregistered cemeteries were found and recorded for this book. It presents 12,058 gravestone inscriptions in 158 historical cemeteries with 35 ancestor gravestone photographs. There is a regular index of names and a separate maiden name index. This book is out of print but may be viewed in the Warwick Public Library or purchased on-line.

7. For more information or additional archived meeting minutes, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

