

Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries
Commissioners Meeting
August 2, 2016

The meeting of the Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries was called to order by Chair, Pegee Malcolm at 6:34 pm. Present were commissioners Mark Brown, Maria Pease, Cindy Corkum, Jane Winton, Bob Darigan, and Michelle Place. Also present were Bob Chorney and Lisa DeMay and from the Planning Department, Susan Cabeceiras. Dereck Byrne was not excused.

The minutes from the June 7th meeting were read by Ms. Malcolm and the content discussed.

Pegee reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be held at her house on September 6th for a cookout/meeting. She also told the Commissioners that Colin has moved to Cranston and resigned from this Commission. He has been appointed as Chair of the Cranston Commission.

At last month's meeting it was suggested that boulders be placed along the road at WK #84 and that the sign be moved closer to the street to prevent cars from parking on cemetery property. The Commissioners agreed that this might be a good solution and Sue was asked to contact the DPW to see if this can be done. Sue will check with DPW again.

Several Commissioners had been working in WK# 74 on Houston St. They have uncovered Benjamin Budlong and Col Henry Whitman, a Revolutionary War Veteran. There is an urn that needs to be placed back on top of the obelisk and the DPW is trying to figure out how to do this.

Mike Lannigan asked the commission to authorize the creation of a new cemetery stone to replace the irreparable stone for Philetus H. Arnold, who is buried in WK #34 Brayton Cemetery. Pegee submitted the necessary paperwork and received an approval letter. The stone should arrive in 3-4 weeks.

The Commissioners then discussed WK#43 behind the Showcase Cinema on Division Road. Colin found two complete headstones for two people buried. Jane presented a motion to install the second headstone behind the stone located over the body, back to back. Mark seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

Maria reported there is one stone down at WK #35 and half a tree is down on WK #36. At WK #38 a neighbor might be encroaching on the cemetery. Maria will check into this matter.

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 7th meeting was made by Cindy, seconded by Maria and unanimously approved.

Pegee reported that she, Sue, Peter Mair and Francis of ConservArt were at WK #26 and all of the stones have been removed from the cemetery with a truck and crane and they are being stored on Airport Property, near their new location. They will be installed when ConserveArt gets its crane back from Iowa. The original cemetery will not get granite markers until the end of September.

Pegee, Bob C, Mark and Lisa have been cleaning and probing WK #106 on Tiernan Avenue. The Cedar Tree Point neighborhood association used to care for the cemetery, but the chair of the group passed away and nobody has taken care of the cemetery in some time. Pegee and Mark discovered that there is a paper street called Ark Street that encircles the cemetery and was created as access to the cemetery.

Bob C. is repairing stones at WK#18, and WK #122, Lisa will work in WK #135. Bob D. has seen Dave Matteson checking flags at WK #34. Bob C. reported that the fences at WK #18 and WK #19 need painting.

The Commissioners went over the Power Point Presentation for the Library that will be given on August 17th at 7pm. Commissioners were asked to be at the Library by 6:30pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark, seconded by Maria and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cabeceiras