

OLDE ANDOVER BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE  
IN PERSON MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Attendees: Jeff Ballard, Mike Kurdzo, Cathy Palazzi, Bob Post, Maria Tulman

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

No Public speak.

Additions or deletions to the agenda. Cathy asked to have #4 moved to #6 and #6 moved to #4. She asked to add 7a) are we doing tours for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023, 7b) do we have brochures to pass out, and 7c) 175<sup>th</sup> committee update.

Mike made a motion to accept changes and seconded by Steve. Approved.

Treasurer's report:

Maria said it was her understanding the last time she spoke to Marina Pandolfi was we had \$2000 from our budget that has not been used for FY 2022-2023. Cathy said she would email Maria the budget received from Marina for OABGC budget year.

Mike made a motion as a question-did we want to continue as a committee or disband? Steve seconded. Discussion followed.

Steve asked if we were receiving any help with money from the town. He stated it had been discussed that perhaps if no interest from town we would need to hold a vote to disband our committee as we would no longer be able to repair or clean stones. Since he now understands we do have a current budget of \$2000 we can go forward as a committee. Steve asked if we could state in minutes that since some of the committee did not understand that we had an active budget of \$2000 we needed to take a vote on whether to continue with committee or disband. We voted to keep committee and move forward with using our budget and looking for more grant opportunities in the future.

Bob said he would speak with someone at the Andover Congregational Church to see who repairs their stones for their cemetery and what they pay as perhaps we could get a cheaper price than from *Beyond the Gravestone*.

Discussion was held about asking Ruth Brown to come and visit us at our next meeting in October to see if she could tell us a little about our stones as she has a good background on some of the people buried in our cemetery. Cathy said she would call her and email team.

Cathy and Maria will meet and put an article into the RE to let the town residents know about our project at the OABG and perhaps we would either receive donations or help.

Bob will bring copy of brochure to next meeting so we can review. Currently, the team will get together on October 11<sup>th</sup> to open the box of background papers on the deceased members buried in the OABG. We will meet at 2:30-4:30 pm and try to organize the papers.

Cathy asked if we were going to do a tour for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it would be done. Perhaps a two-hour time period for one day only. Brochures Bob has and can be handed out. Perhaps a person can talk a little about the Burying Grounds and the background of two or three families buried there.

Cathy told committee some of the ideas planned for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and showed the committee the three big events that were planned.

Mike made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm and seconded by Steve. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Palazzi, Secretary*