

OLDE ANDOVER BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE
MARCH 23, 2017 MINUTES

Attendees: Mike Donnelley, Mike Kurdzo, Cathy Palazzi, Maria Tulman, Megan Buswell
Guests: Steve Fish, Bob Post

Mike Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: 5E Review of February Presentation
5F Update of signs in Cemetery

No Public Speak.

Approval of special minutes for 2/7/2017 meeting: Megan Buswell and seconded by Maria Tulman. Passed

Report of Committee Officers:

Chair/Historian:

Mike D. said we accomplished good things this winter.

Treasurers Report:

Maria T.said that we have received a \$2000 grant from OPM for neglected cemeteries. She reported there was \$2150 in the treasury money.

Old Business:

5a. Joan Foran will continue working on cemetery as part of the Beautification Program. She thinks antique roses should be planted in urns and put at the cemetery. She will plant flowers around wall. Maria will talk with Joan to make sure Joan follows up on this project of beautification. Mike D. would like to see some type of low growing flowering shrub planted.

5b. Mike D. said we received \$2000 grant money in October 2016. He asked Maria to find out if we could reapply for another \$2000 for this year to be paid out in October 2017. He was not sure if we could do this if we had not used the first \$2000. Maria will follow up and report at the April meeting. Mike D. then asked for a motion that we will repair three stones this summer contingent on getting the necessary money.

5c. Mike D. said we were mentioned in the CT Graveyard Network Newsletter.

5d. Mike D. said during the winter the sign at the cemetery was damaged. Joint piece will be replaced.

5e. Mike D. talked about the presentation he gave in February and said there were about 40 people. He would like to see more people attend. He asked for ideas on how many presentations he should do and the committee suggested two per year.

Mike D. asked for a motion and Maria made a motion to have two presentations per year of Mike D's choosing. Perhaps one in the spring and one in the fall. These presentations to be combined with the Historical Society. Seconded by Megan B. Discussion followed: Maria thinks people turn out because the Historical Society is involved as well. She thinks it might not have turned out as well without combining with the Historical Society. Steve Fish discussed we should become more involved with the Historical Society since we found that this worked well with the February presentation. Approved.

New Business:

6a. Repair of Leaning Stones this spring

Michael Merriam has volunteered to teach and help us straighten stones in the cemetery on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. He will then show us how to repair the stones.

Mike D. suggested we straighten three stones each Saturday when we meet. Dates to be discussed.

6b. Repair of three damaged stones and funding

Mike D. discussed the items to be done at cemetery:

- repair of three damaged stones

- wooden sign

- repair of six leaning stones

6c. Spring clean up

Mike D. wanted someone to organize spring clean up but Cathy suggested we put a notice into the *Rivereast* far enough in advance to have people show up to help clear and clean up the cemetery from the winter. Much like is done for the Memorial Park. Then Mike D. could assign each person a duty.

6d. Stone cleaning events this year

Mike D. asked to have a motion to appoint Megan as in charge of stone cleaning events. Cathy made the motion to appoint Megan as spearheading the cleaning of stone events. Mike K. seconded. Approved.

6e. Memorial Day – May 29th

Maria will give a copy of the Veterans buried in the cemetery for their Memorial Day committee brochure.

6f. Forest & Park Trails Day

Mike D. applied to the Forest and Park Trails Day and said we were approved. On June 4th people walking the Rail of Trails would come down to the cemetery to see it and Mike D. will give tours.

6g. Cemetery History Publication

Mike D said he was compiling in booklet form approximately two dozen stories about the cemetery and would let us know when this was ready to be published.

6h. Board of Selectmen

At their April 4th meeting to vote on having a five member committee for the Cemetery committee and two alternates. The two alternates will be Steve Fish and Bob Post. The Cemetery committee welcomed both gentlemen.

6i. Appoint Publicity Chair

Megan appointed Cathy to combine both secretarial and publicity as one position seconded by Mike K. Approved.

Next meeting to be Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Megan seconded by Mike K. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy Palazzi

Catherine Palazzi, Secretary