

## **Town of Chebeague**

### **Cemetery Committee Meeting**

**June 27, 2016**

Present :

Gail Miller, Donna Damon, Jane Frizzell, Susan Woolfrey–Teachout and Beth Wiles

#### **Review minutes and approve.**

The May 2016 minutes submitted by Laurie Curtis were read. Donna made a motion to accept the minutes Jane seconded all approved.

#### **Report from Ann Thaxter on cemetery maintenance.**

Ann Thaxter was not present for our meeting. All agreed things were going well with the care of the cemetery and Ann was given much credit for all her efforts. Ann will be reminded to attend the July meeting.

#### **Tomb house and Hearse House roofs update**

Eric Weagle has shingled the roofs. This projected is now completed.

#### **Funeral / Memorial Service without a professional manager. Is this working?**

Funeral/Memorial Services are going well with procedures in place .Service contacts and church ushers seem to be working well. Having the Town Administrator post the procedures for cemetery needs in the monthly calendar has directed phone calls thru the proper channels.

#### **Town Administrator added a line item for the Cemetery**

Donna explained her meeting with Marjorie Stratton, Town Administrator. Donna got clarification with Marjorie on the line items and monies. 10,000 amount is also designated for the 2015-2016 year. This took care of items such as Eric Weagle's roof projects. Another 10,000 is also in the 2016-2017 budget year for upcoming projects

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### **D. C. Stilkey- update**

D. C. Stilkey will be coming out mid Aug to do stone repair. He has coordinated trucks being barged over so that he may be here a week. 5000 has been budgeted for this year. This amount includes barging costs. This is our first year of doing this extensive work and we will make future plans based on 2016's work project. The committee agreed to have a planned inventory of the work completed to keep the order of repairs for future reference of what stones have been repaired and the success of such work.

This discussion led to the concern of the safety issues of the public i.e., children getting to close to heavy stones that may topple over. Donna agreed to write a warning regarding this issue and ask Bev Johnson to post it on her web site.

### **Dan Lynch ground imaging –update.**

The committee is waiting for Dan Lynch's report on his recent ground imaging project completed this spring.

### **Report form Susan Teachout Woolfrey about Find a Grave Process.**

Susan gave an update on her ongoing efforts with this project. She has placed in the "Find a Grave" web site program over 1627 burials / cremations. Her resources are comprised of but limited to death certificates, town data including the Town of Cumberland and Tom Bennett's book. Her project not only includes the Chebeague Cemetery but also other Chebeague burial grounds including Chandlers, Ballard, Hanscome and Golf Course properties. "Find a Grave" is a valuable resource for people connected to Chebeague and Susan's devotion to this project is very much appreciated.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 25 at 4:30 in the Fire/Rescue meeting room.