Town of Chebeague

Cemetery Committee Meeting

August 22, 2016 Monday

Present:
Gail Miller, Laurie Curtis, Donna Damon, Marianne Durgin, Jane Frizzell, Ann Thaxter

In Beth Wiles’ absence, Laurie Curtis agreed to take minutes.

Minutes
We dispensed with reading of minutes and agreed to postpone until next meeting.

D.C. Stilkey

Gail Miller read recent correspondence from Chris Stilkey. We agreed his bill should be made out to the Town of Chebeague and mailed to Gail Miller. Gail had suggested we meet at the cemetery and take a walk guided by Ann Thaxter in order to examine the work he had completed.

Observations

The question was raised as to whether or not CTC has a policy for providing a special boat for a funeral.

Knowing where full burials are located is needed.

People who want to buy plots should call Ann Thaxter directly. Sites containing obstructing roots cannot be sold.

Fall Projects

Ann agreed to make a list and October 15th was suggested as a possible work day extending from 9:00 to noon. Ann agreed to write a list of projects for Cemetery “Spruce Up Day.” She suggested that a map will be helpful to locate where work is to take place and/or names of streets in each section of the cemetery. Also, perhaps a list of all stones (?) where work needed?) might be published in The Sloop’s Log. The work day can be advertised in more than one location:

Swap ‘N Sell - Gail
Chebeague Anchor Page - Gail
The Chebeague Calendar - Gail
Signs/Posters - Laurie

Dan Lynch, Susan Teachout, Beth Howe
Gail noted no further information was available regarding Dan Lynch. Gail agreed to send an email to Marjorie Stratton about gift certificates for Susan and Beth. Ann agreed to mail cards to recipients in recognition of their service. Donna Damon made a formal motion, seconded by Jane Frizzell, authorizing Gail and Ann procure $100 gift certificates and cards for Susan and Beth. The motion was unanimously approved.

**A Walk in the Park**

**Observations:** During our walk through the cemetery with Ann Thaxter, mention was made that Chris Stilkey recommends *against* washing marble stones in favor of using an orbital sander with 80 grit sandpaper. Also noted, if we had epoxy available, we could mend some stones.

**Consensus:** We agreed to remove bushes that obstruct stones. In front of markers for Leon Hall and Alice Curit, bushes should be removed and the marker for Gertrude Hamilton should be raised up. We reminded ourselves of our mission as a committee is to oversee the repair of what is dangerous in the cemetery. We agreed names and dates of birth and death need preservation. What can be fixed vs. what can’t be fixed is difficult to discern.

**Work Completed by Chris Stilkey:**

- William Bryant - glued
- Isabel Bryant - glued
- Relocation - A monument in middle of road next to Wm. J. Bryant was found some place else
- Elizabeth Hamilton - laid flat
- Mary W. Hamilton - not totally straightened upright
- William Smith - found foot stone
- Syrena H. Bennett - repaired
- Reuben Cleaves plus another - laid flat
- Top of obelisk missing
- Lottie May - infant marker righted
- Edmund and Nancy Sawyer - rosa rugosa and lilacs need attention
- David and Mary W. Hamilton - took away plants
- Robert W. Ferrelli - Remove bunches covering grave
- Alexander Hamilton - straightened

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 26 at 4:30 in the Fire/Rescue meeting room.