CHEBEAGUE ISLAND CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: May 29, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Beth W.; Gloria B.; Laurie C.; Donna D.; Jane F.; Kendra M.; & Ann T.

A motion was made to approve April minutes. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

• Ann stated that she would appreciate those persons who planted in large urns and planters last year, do so again this year.

• She said that the Marjorie S. has agreed to post when the transfer station will close for burials and that barriers will be placed to insure passing vehicles do not disrupt services.

• Ann has enlisted the help of Gene Robinson concerning the problem of ruts in a cemetery road.

• She is reviewing the measurements of Theron Hamilton’s plot.

• Ann continues to work with Beau B. about setting headstones and footstones.

• She is endeavoring to contact Chris Stilkey regarding his return this year to glue stones that are deemed dangerous and likely to fall.

• A motion was made and seconded that the committee designate $3000 for tree removal and $2000 for stone repair which passed unanimously.

A motion was also made to approve the Individual Department Expense Detail report, seconded, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:
Path Markers: Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed that we number the cemetery roads along North Road and that this system be a test case for labeling streets in the cemetery.

Extra copies of 2012 GIS maps were distributed as well as smaller maps Gloria photocopied for our use.

Gloria is reviewing the Excel spreadsheet and data corresponding with the colored map with #'s and has secured a computer for this use.

Beth stated that Carol White will check out the spread sheet within the next week and talk with Gloria.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donna D. agreed to ask Doug to design and prepare an estimate for wooden markers for cemetery roads for our next meeting.

May 23rd Meeting regarding unmarked area cemetery: Jessica Cofelice walked the cemetery with Donna, Jane, and Laurie. She will prepare an estimate by Friday of this week for mapping the old section. She indicated that her proposal would include the possibility of reducing cost by utilizing volunteers to assist.

Results of Clean Up Day: The Cemetery is in great shape thanks to the hard work of members and volunteers. Ann reported that Hartley B. procured and strategically placed rocks to prevent anyone from driving too close to graves.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 26th at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned.
From: Jane Frizzell <frazzelled@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2018 at 9:13:58 PM EDT
To: Beth Wiles <bethwiles@chebeague.net>
Subject: Fwd: Chebeague Cemetery's Survey

Sent from my iPhone
Begin forwarded message:

From: bcbelvin@aol.com
Date: May 8, 2018 at 8:25:24 PM EDT
To: leilabisharat@gmail.com
Cc: frazzelled@gmail.com, kwheeler@iac-llc.net, jcofelice@iac-llc.net, evin.erd@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Chebeague Cemetery's Survey

-----Original Message-----
From: Leila Bisharat <leilabisharat@gmail.com>
To: bcbelvin <bcbelvin@aol.com>
Cc: frazzelled <frazzelled@gmail.com>; kwheeler <kwheeler@iac-llc.net>; jcofelice <jcofelice@iac-llc.net>; Evin Erd <evin.erd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tue, May 8, 2018 3:39 pm
Subject: Re: Chebeague Cemetery's Survey

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2018, at 2:49 PM, bcbelvin@aol.com wrote:

Jane,

Bill Belvin here,

This morning Leila, Evin and I met with Karthleen Wheeler, Ph.D., RPA Director/Principal Investigator and Jessica Cofelice, M.A., RPA of Independent Archaeological Consulting, LLC at their offices in Portsmouth, NH. Leila and I each discussed our separate cemetery projects: Leila and Evin discussed the Littlefield family cemetery and I discussed The Chandler Cove Cemetery.

Kathy and Jessica have an interest in both projects and wish to do an initial on Chebeague "survey" to scope potential project work plans.

To that end, Jessica is coming to Chebeague Wednesday May 23 and will arrive on the return of the 8 AM CTC Boat to Cousins to "survey" both projects that day with the objective of subsequently making separate independent proposals for each project as to services rendered, deliverables and presumably phases, cost and timing. Kathy is traveling so Jessica will do the survey.

Without objection I indicated that I would be in touch with you so you and the other Town of Chebeague Island Cemetery Commissioners could have notice and decide if you wanted to have the chance to meet with Jessica, most likely, at the Town Cemetery if you wish to do so. This is just a "day trip" for Jessica who will leave on an afternoon boat (time to be determined). Consequently we all need to build and agree on a schedule for Jessica's several surveys.

Once you all decide please let me know and I'll see to the coordination of meeting Jessica at Stone Pier with Evin and to developing and sharing with all parties an agreeable schedule....rain or shine!

Best regards,

Bill
Jessica Cofelice mentioned some interesting factoids when we talked with her at the Chandler Cove Cemetery (note name change). FYI

1. The sandy soil at the Chandler Cove Cemetery preserves bones well.

2. About 1800, wooden coffins came into use. Prior to then, bodies were customarily wrapped in cloth shrouds.

3. Dirt piled over shrouds does not collapse as it does over coffin burials.

4. Probably one family used the point nearest the water at Chandler Cove Cemetery as a burial ground and then non-family members began to be buried behind them. This cemetery lies atop an aeolian dune.

5. I believe Donna stated that in the 19 teens, some people were moved to the Chebeague Cemetery from Chandler Cove. Is this correct?

6. Don't know if this is correct: 1745 is the date of earliest burials at Chandler Cove and 1826 at the Chebeague Cemetery.