

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: July 31, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Beth W.; Laurie C.; Donna D.; Jane F.; Denise Hamilton; Allyson S; Ann T. Also, Gloria B. Absent: Kendra M.

The Committee welcomed New Member Denise Hamilton.

A motion was made by Jane to approve June minutes that was seconded by Allyson and unanimously approved.

The Financial Worksheets were reviewed and approved including memberships to the Maine Cemetery Association and the Maine Historical Cemetery Association. The latter will appear in next month's statement.

The Superintendent's Report included a brief review of the list of items Chris Stilkey agreed to fix on his next visit. Ann assumed Mr. Stilkey would be doing this for the fee which she mentioned to him.

Action Item: Ann will contact him about this.

1. Grannell
2. Mary w. glue (cement) (David Hamilton); Nellie M. glue
3. Ann (wife of Jonathan); Lydia Johnson
4. Aaron Cleaves (finish restoration)
5. Lottie, Jerry & Debra Buckton – raise & reset
6. Donald Hamilton glue
7. Simeon Hamilton
8. Reuben Hill – lots of small to dab glue
9. Theodore Hill - relevel
10. Baby Hill (dab glue)
11. Raymond Curit – straighten & glue

Beth passed around the signs Doug Damon made. Committee members were most enthusiastic about seeing the finished product.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carol White reported that she and Gloria had met at the town office to see what computer files related to cemetery mapping were there. Carol confirmed that the

town's GIS software is outdated. She recommended not replacing this software since the town will probably hire the services of professionals to make any updates. Carol now has a copy of the town's digital map files which she was not able to open on her computer before our committee meeting. She thinks they can be opened with other software and therefore, may provide a base for further mapping.

Carol recommends we locate and record (with GIS) where all headstones are in our cemetery. Most of the cemetery's existing markers are probably visible in the high-resolution aerial photographs recently taken for the Town which are soon to become publicly available.

Carol offered to help us create a map from photos sometime in the future and explained that programs exist to help do this. They are not costly and she's willing to give us a hand. Thank you, Carol!

After an informative question and answer conversation, several Committee members walked the un-mapped section of the cemetery with Donna and found a surprising, soon-to-be determined number of stones listed as UM (unmapped) on findagrave.com. The monuments, headstones, and shale markers located in this area are not listed on our Cemetery maps but are probably recorded in the town's "Green Book."

- **Action Item: Committee Members** are requested to peruse the FindaGrave Online information about our Cemetery.
- **Action Item: Jane** agreed to contact Jessica Cofelice regarding her estimate for mapping the old section of cemetery and will report back to us a specific monetary estimate.
- **Action Item:** After the Cemetery Walk following our meeting, **Donna** agreed to work on estimating the number of markers in the unmapped section.
- Thank you all!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 28 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned.