

Amended Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2019

Attending: (x=attended; a=absent)

Mary Shaw, Chairman	x
Margaret Roberge, Vice Chairman	x
Woody Openo	x
Neil Larson	x
Amy LaBelle	x
Michael Bobinsky, Director of Public Works & Utilities	x

Recording: Jennifer Gosselin, Executive Assistant

Mary Shaw opened the meeting at 3:03 PM

Minutes of May Meeting

Minutes were reviewed: Woody Openo requested a correction to the reference made to the cemetery is Saco, Maine. Should read 1844 Laurel Hill Cemetery, rather than Land Hill Cemetery. Neil Larsen moved to accept the minutes with the changes noted; Amy LaBelle seconded the motion to approve the May Minutes with the corrections. All voted in favor to accept the Minutes with the aforementioned corrections.

Comments by Visitors

There were no visitors at this month's meeting.

Communications

Rachel Bilodeau contacted both Mary Shaw and Maggie Roberge.

Director of Public Works' Report

The Director's Report was reviewed by the members with Michael Bobinsky. It was noted that the rain and humidity have caused delays in the fence painting at Cassidy Brothers. Mike will keep the Trustees posted as to the re-installation of the fence.

Reports of Special Projects of Sitting Members

A. Chapel Summer Events

The Funky Divas of Gospel have expressed an interest in performing next summer. They suggested that providing a tent and an amplifier would make the event even bigger. Also, to tie their appearance in with another event might help to draw more people.

The Irish (Pat O'Brien, Pat Boyle, and Jerry Coor) are coming July 28, 2019 for one hour. Maggie has advised the Trustees the Irish group will be paid the same fee as the Funky Divas were paid (\$200.00).

Woody and Neil might have some ideas for future performers and will offer suggestions to Maggie in the future Artful Noise will perform in August. A

September performance is being considered as well as an extra act in either June or July.

B. May Planting

Geraniums were picked out and planted, as well as hostas.

Unfinished Business

A. Chapel Roof; Well House Roof

The Trustees are waiting to see if the City is awarded grant funds to offset the cost of the Chapel roof replacement. Staff is applying for State Historic Grant funds including a Moose Plate Grant and a LCHIP grant.

City staff is still soliciting quotes for the Well House roof. Cedar shake is the preferred material for the roof.

B. Update on Chapel Entrance Gate Restoration

This topic was previously discussed with the Director's Report.

New Business

A. Clean Stones

Maggie attended a workshop on cleaning stones at the Hopkinton cemetery. Richard from the Old Graveyard Association in Ogunquit, Maine was the presenter. His focus was on cleaning upright stones with D2. Maggie suggested to the Trustees to invite Richard to do a workshop in the Forest Glade Cemetery; the topic of the Trustees hosting a workshop on this at the Cemetery will be discussed at a future meeting.

B. Elections

Maggie and Amy nominated Mary Shaw to serve as the Chair for the next fiscal year. Neil and Amy nominated Maggie Roberge to serve as Vice Chair for the next fiscal year.

Mary Shaw and Maggie Roberge, respectively, accepted the nomination.

The Trustees held a vote as to each nomination – they voted unanimously in each instance.

C. LCHIP and Moose Plate Grant Applications

Woody explained that the funds from the LCHIP will need a match from other funds, ie. Moose Plate grant, City funds, or donations. If the City does not receive an award of funding from the Moose Plate grant, then the City Council would need further consider the project and provide funding. In addition, City Counsel understands that there are no guarantees on a grant award.

Miscellaneous

Woody has information on repairing stones using epoxy that he would like to discuss at the next meeting.

Woody discussed obtaining an estimate from John Wastrom for having the Chapel wall repointed.

Maggie wants to ask the Strawberry Banke to provide an estimate to have the Chapel doors repaired.

Steven Roy looked at the stone pillars at the main entrance to the Cemetery. He gave an opinion that the damage was caused by rock salt and that it could be sandblasted off. In places where the stain is bleeding into the granite, it might be able to be peeled off. Mike indicated this recommendation runs counter to an earlier recommendation received from John Wastrom to very carefully clean the pillars with brushes.

Next meeting is June 26 2019 at 3:00 PM at City Hall Executive Conference Room The next regularly monthly meeting will be on August 13, 2019 at 3pm, at the Department of Public Works Facility.

Amy LaBelle moved and Woody Openo seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM