Conservation Commission’s  
Cemetery Committee  
Minutes  

Date: October 8, 2015  
Call to order: 3:10 p.m.  

Attendance (X if present):  

Committee Members  

☐ Nancy Dickinson  
☒ Eric Brower  
☐ Lisette Henrey  
☒ Anne Young  
☒ Chris Shields  
☒ Robert McKnight  
☒ Denise Savageau  

Others present:  

Jo Conboy  
Laureen Taylor  
Carolyn Antonik  
Deirdre Piper  

Minutes  
Motion made by Young and seconded by Brower to approve the minutes for Sept. 10, 2015 with the following corrections: 1) page 1 – others present should read “Carolyn” Antonik not Chris, 2) All references to “Great Cranberry cemetery” should read “Great Cranberry Island Cemetery”. Most carried unanimously.  

Correspondence:  
Savageau distributed copies letter from the Cemetery Committee to Laureen Taylor dated September 28, 2015  

Old Business  
1. Town-wide Ancient and Abandoned Cemeteries  
   a. Review of GIS List and Survey Protocol – discussion ensued on the survey protocol and how members were working through their lists. Savageau explained that this list was just the initial list to begin the task and did not include all cemeteries in Town. Actively maintained cemeteries not shown as this was developed for the inventory. Consensus to develop a master cemetery list identifying if active and/or maintained.  
   b. Review of P&R List of currently maintained cemeteries – Savageau will contact Spaman to review.
2. Byram Cemetery/Lyon Family Plot
   a. State maintenance grant - Savagau reported that we have not heard back on
      grant yet.
   b. Protocol for cleaning and maintaining cemeteries – Dickinson and Young
      have been researching how best to take care of stones. Discussion also
      included the broader maintenance issues at the cemetery. Consensus that
      generally to 1) stop deterioration and 2) continue with a phased approach.
      Consensus to invite Mary Dunne and Andrew Melillo to future meeting.
      Final list assignments made.
   c. Mature Trees – Savageau explained that P&R takes care of all trees town
      property. She will coordinate with Spaman.

New Business
1) Historic information depository – Savageau stated that much information is being
   gathered and expressed concern that the Town was not set up to review for relevance
   or as a depository. Shields indicated that GHS was probably the best to review and
   keep any information garnered.

Assignments
1) Conservation staff to develop spreadsheet for all cemeteries indicating ownership,
   level of maintenance, and if active.
2) Dickinson will review survey protocol with Shields
3) Savageau will contact BSA about Eagle Scout projects in past ten years.
4) Young will continue review of Byram headstones in relationship to past and current
   surveys.
5) Dickinson will contact Karl White for any information.

| Next Meeting Date: November 12, 2015 | Adjourned at: 4:28 p.m. |