

## **MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting  
June 19, 2008

A regular meeting of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee was called to order at Portsmouth City Hall, Conference Room B, at 3:30pm on June 19, 2008

The following committee members were in attendance: June Rogers; Dick Adams, Donald Twombly, Judy Nerbonne, Carla Marvin, and advisory member Roger Syphers. Everett Kern of Public Works attended for the first part of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the May 15, 2008 meeting were approved, subject to clarification as noted under "Treasurer's Report" below.

### **Public Works Issues**

Everett Kern will have the state sign in North mounted on a suitable pole or pipe (it is currently listing badly). He will also have a replacement flag installed on the flagpole in that cemetery.

The fencing at Point of Graves will be replaced sometime after July 1, 2008.

### **Treasurer's Report**

David Ewing reported in absentia that the Finance Department has finally issued a check to North Hill Nurseries in payment for the flowers that were purchased through a Garden Club grant for display in the boxes at the North cemetery.

A question was raised about the amount of funds available outside the capital budget. In the May meeting the Treasurer reported total private contributions since the inception of the committee total about \$38,320, with expenditures of \$25,834, leaving about \$4,000 available. This will be clarified prior to the next meeting.

### **Landscaping/Beautification**

The flowers have been planted in the boxes in the North Cemetery.

### **Education**

The flyer for the July 12 restoration workshop has been prepared and mailed. Thus far about 10 individuals have expressed intent to attend (in addition to committee members). David Ewing will send a press release to local newspapers.

Everett Kern said that Public Works can provide us with sand and pea stone for the workshop. Dick Adams will let him know desired quantities and where it is to be deposited.

The Discovery Center will be available for restroom purposes.

### **New Business**

The committee agreed unanimously to have the Chairman report to the appropriate individuals at City Hall our belief that it would serve no good purpose to merge the committee with another, as our functions have little correlation with those of any other city committee.

Jenn Marcelais has notified the committee that she will be unable to attend the AGS workshop owing to scheduling conflicts.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15. Next meeting is Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 3:30.

Richard Adams  
Chairman