



CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

(there was no quorum present for action)

Thursday July 7, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

City Hall in Conference A

1 Junkins Avenue

Portsmouth, NH 03801

Members Present: Susan Sterry, Co-Chair; Deirdre Forte, Co-Chair, Eva Boice; Sue Polidura; Celeste Brooks and Duncan McCallum arrived 4:14
Kerry Rubinstein by Zoom

Staff Present: Suzanne M. Woodland, Deputy City Manager/Deputy City Attorney (DCM); Corin Hallowell, Parks and Greenery Foreman

1. Call to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call of the Members as noted above.
3. No action on the Minutes of June 2, 2022 Meeting due to lack of quorum.
4. Point-of-Graves Wall Repairs – Co-Chair Sterry summarized the concerns that have been raised with regard to the condition of the wall at Point-of-Graves. She provided photos for the Committee's consideration and there was discussion of the building materials used for the wall in various places. Lower wall is most concerning.

It was noted that in the 2013 Restoration Plan, the cost of repairing a section of the wall was estimated to be \$106,000.

There was discussion about the desire to obtain additional information on the water table and the potential impact of climate change on the cemetery. Corin Hallowell suggested getting an estimate for work to slow the deterioration of the wall while replacement and larger repair is evaluated.

Co-Chair mentioned the desire to keep the Friends of South End updated and involved. Co-Chair Sterry will follow up to try to get more information on investigation of water table and climate change impacts and possibly other quotes.

5. Update on Foundations and Grants

Moose Plate grant submitted. Members discussed various additional grant opportunities that might be pursued. Sue Polidura shared information and interest in following up to see if there are grant monies available through the organization Daughters of the American Revolution. Kerry Rubenstein will look into the 1772 foundation.

6. Update on 400th Activities

Committee members discussed various ideas such as Ghost Tour as well as potential for a militia

7. July 9th Headstone Cleaning

Co-Chair Sterry reported on the upcoming event and the involvement of the Elks.

8. Any Further Business

Eva Boice discussed brochure for distribution/display in the marketing racks or at other locations.

9. Adjournment at 5:07 p.m.

Notes prepared by: Suzanne Woodland, Deputy City Manager / Deputy City Attorney
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