



CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes/Minutes

(there was no quorum present for action)

Thursday, August 4, 2022 4:00 p.m.

Meeting held in person at City Hall in Conference Room A
1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth NH

Members Present (in-person): Co-chairs Susan Sterry and Deirdre Forte, Sue Polidura, Michael Griffin, Eva Boice, Celeste Brooks. Duncan McCallum arrived at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present (by Zoom): Kerry Rubinstein

No staff were present

- I. Call to order at 4:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call of the Members as noted above.
- III. Minutes were not acted on. There were only 6 members present in-person at the time and seven are necessary for a quorum and no action was taken.
- IV. Headstone Cleaning Update
July 30th friends of the south end (FOSE) collaborated for a cleaning of ALL Point of Graves stones. Thank you to the city workers and ALL 32 volunteers for making this happen to NH oldest burying ground. John Lord from NH Old Graveyard association was present and taking notes to post in their newsletter.
- V. City website map update
Committee talked about different ideas/links to add to Historic Cemetery Page on City website.
- VI. 400th update
Committee brainstormed different ideas to schedule for 400th celebration. All felt we need to involve kids. Work continues.
- VII. Signage for Cemeteries
We have a variety of work/ideas in flight including:
 - Sign Markers for South Street 5 Cemeteries with history of notable citizens buried there, bringing our City to light.
 - Markers designating the 5 cemeteries part of "South Street" grounds. Each has it's own history to be celebrated.
 - QR code to take phone travelers to our city's database
 - Postcard to publish and drop

VIII. Form a fundraising committee - ran out of time to get to this time

IX. Any further business

X. Adjournment at 5:05 p.m.

Notes prepared by: Dee Dee Forte, Cemetery Committee Co-Chair
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