

ACCEPTED Minutes of Meeting September 15, 2010

Glocester Heritage Society

In attendance: Evelyn Wheeler, Judith Fardig, Letty Champion, Peggie Malcolm, Lee Teverow, Robert Butler, Edna Kent, Henry Duquette

Excused absences: Sally Small, Dory Wagner, Paul Robinson, David Kirchner

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair Wheeler

- Introduction of DRAFT Minutes from June 16,2010: 5 -0 to accept minutes as written with three members abstaining
- Old Business
 1. Report on meeting with John Sterling: Henry now has an updated copy of John's database; there are some issues with the Access version, but the bugs are being worked out and it should be ready for Beta installation soon. John is also working on bug corrections for a web-based product.
 2. Report on website and webmaster: Attempts to contact individuals who previously offered to host the website have not been successful; Discussion regarding the availability of several commercially available web hosts, some at low cost – Chair Wheeler will follow up with her contact at the state for recommendations; Julie Nathanson and Henry Duquette will likely be webmasters; \$500.00 donation offered by meeting attendee, Rick Whitesell, to cover the cost of commercial hosts!!!
 3. No news on the Roger Williams mausoleum
 4. Discussion regarding Memorial Day Flag placement and the need for better coordination
 5. The proposed RIGL modifications will need to start the process over again
- New Business
 1. Mike Hebert from the DOT found the disk that had the cemetery sign templates on it and the signs will be made at no cost for cemeteries on state property; Discussion regarding grants that were obtained for signs in Burrillville; Chair Wheeler suggested writing a letter to the Governor requesting that the state pay for the signs
 2. Member reports
 - a. Lee Teverow: Bob and Charlene Butler donated a laptop to the RIHS with the new version of John Sterling's database and it is working well; RIGS press release for September 25 meeting with workshop on researching RI Pauper cemeteries

- b. Judith Fardig: Nothing to report
- c. Pegee Malcolm: Warwick Cemetery Commission is putting a photographic website together which is almost ready for Beta testing; 2 cemeteries are immediately impacted by the airport expansion project and will require an archaeological survey and attempts to contact descendants; 3 other cemeteries are in proximity of airport and may be affected if plans change; 5 undocumented stones have been located in Warwick 035 and ancestors of the Sherman family have asked about changing the name
- d. Chair Wheeler: Building Inspector in Cranston was notified by an excavator that gravestone fragments were discovered while excavating for a gas station in the Stop and Shop plaza at the corner of Atwood Ave and Phoenix Ave = 1932 and 1965 maps make no mention of it but an 1893 Cranston deed does mention it – further research will be done; ut of signs; 2 “lost” cemeteries have been located in the last several months; Richmond, ½ of Westerly, ½ of Foster, and ½ of Gloucester still need to have GPS coordinates completed
- e. Robert Butler: 7 signs have been put up, but they are running low on signs and over 100 need them; West Greenwich is attempting to see if funding can be secured through town funds that were originally designated for a specific cemetery
- f. Henry Duquette: Burrillville received grant money for signs, and has ordered 20; They were successful in getting volunteers to adopt cemeteries; Have used an epoxy product called a “Barre Pak” to fix stones, and it can be ordered from Miles Supply in Barre, VT
- g. Edna Kent: GL033 – Direct ancestors are cleaning it; GL098 – 2 more stones found, overgrowth too bad to finish; GL072 – direct ancestors from the Midwest; GL001 – Sign missing for it and an adjacent cemetery, scouts finished cleaning it and a woodcutter will be coming; GL107 – child’s stone was returned but hasn’t been placed yet; GL077 – more cemeteries may be in the vicinity; Brown Cemetery – ornate metal gate that is locked – can’t be entered
- h. Letty Champion: Little Compton cemetery photographing; found homes for several of the stones in the back of the Veteran’s Cemetery

3. Who owns a cemetery?

In Burrillville, locations are reported to the Town Assessor, and the town assumes ownership once they are placed on the maps; in Warwick, cemeteries are given a separate lot and plat

4. Nominations: Nominating Committee: Judith Fardig, Paul Robinson, Pegee Malcolm

- a. Chair: Evelyn Wheeler accepted the nomination – 7 – 0 to approve with Chair Wheeler abstaining
- b. Vice Chair: Peggie Malcolm accepted the nomination – 7- 0 to approve with Vice Chair Malcolm abstaining
- c. Secretary: Emily Corbett accepted the nomination – 8 – 0 to approve

5. Next meeting at Warwick City Hall on November 17th

Motion to adjourn by Peggie Malcolm with a second by Judith Fardig – meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Emily Corbett, Secretary

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