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Minutes of Meeting

Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries

February 6, 2018

The meeting of the Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries was called to order by Chair Pegée Malcolm at 6:35 pm at the Pilgrim Senior Center, Internet Lodge, 27 Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick. Present were commissioners Bob Darigan, Mark Brown, Cindy Corkum, Michelle Place, Lisa Corkum, Lisa DeMay and future appointed alternates Joe Jussila and Coren Ellis. Also present were Bob Chorney, Mike Lanigan and from the Planning Department Susan Cabeceiras.

Pegée discussed installing a larger sign for Brayton Cemetery as part of the Apponaug Area Improvement Association Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Pegée and Mark met the Eagle Scout candidate at St. Kevin Church to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout project working in WK #070.

The 375th anniversary celebration for the City of Warwick at City Hall was well attended considering the inclement weather we were experiencing.

Pegee discussed her desire to have ground penetrating radar and poking done in the Westcott Cemetery WK # 165 to locate bodies.

The Cemetery at the Valley Country Club (WK #099) may be able to be part of a Salve Regina student ground penetrating radar study.

Sue was asked to add the link for the RIHistoricCemeteries.org website to our Commission web page.

A motion to approve the December 5th meeting minutes was made by Mark, seconded by Cindy and unanimously approved.

Pegee and Sue attended a meeting at the RI Veterans Cemetery, and the goal this year is to update their Veterans database and make sure all veterans are flagged. The project includes photographing each Veteran grave and including it on the State Website within a five year period. Commissioners were asked to please document on the cemetery master list any missing veterans to ensure they receive a flag. The State is adamant about an accurate flagging process and having accurate records including who took possession of each flag and where it was placed. Round Veterans markers attached to the headstones will be replacing the current metal ground markers.

Pegee reported that there are 4 new students from Tollgate's Urban Sociology class assisting in cemetery duties. Pegee will start working with these students photographing headstones for the Veterans database.

April 14, 2018 is National Cemetery Restoration Awareness Day. Pegee will be joined by the commissioners to clean Brayton Cemetery from 9:00am- 11:30am. Any and all are welcome to join us.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark, seconded by Cindy and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lisa DeMay, Secretary**