

MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
April 17, 2008

A regular meeting of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee was called to order at Portsmouth City Hall, Conference Room A, at 3:30pm on April 17, 2008

The following committee members were in attendance: Jennifer Marcelais; June Rogers; Dick Adams, Donald Twombly, David Ewing, and advisory member Roger Syphers.

The minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2008 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

David Ewing reported no change in the amount of funds for the past month with no money spent.

Landscaping/Beautification

Dick Adams said he would report to Everett Kern that the Mark W. Wentworth Home, which neighbors the Pleasant Street Cemetery, has been dumping snow from their parking lot onto the cemetery grounds. This has been causing an erosion problem in the area.

June Rogers made the request to the Portsmouth Garden Club for an additional grant for beautification of the cemetery. They granted the committee \$150, which June will use to refill the planters in the North Cemetery.

Education

Jenn Marcelais presented a draft for an invitation flyer for the upcoming gravestone restoration workshop in July. Edits were discussed and members will be sent a revised design by email.

The committee addressed questions that were raised by members about the workshop at a previous meeting and that were answered by the workshop presenter, Jon Appell. Included were that he has no restrictions on attendance numbers, and that he will provide informational packets for attendees.

Dick will ask Everett Kern if the city can provide us with sand and pea stone for the workshop.

New Business

The committee discussed Jenn Marcelais attending the Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference in June in Amherst, Massachusetts. She would go for two days and attend workshops on gravestone restoration, photography, and foil rubbing workshops. She estimated overall expenses for the trip and attendance to be \$300. June Rogers motioned the committee sponsor the trip and cover up to \$300 worth of expenses. Donald Twombly seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Jenn also reported that the flag above the William Whipple tomb in North Cemetery was missing.

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

Jenn Marcelais
Secretary