

Owls Head Cemetery Committee

Meeting on 11/17/22

Present: Bill Gay, Mike Voncannon, Heather Almquist & Lea Carver

Absent: Walter Guptill (excused for jury duty)

Resignation of Jesse Ellis

Gordon Page contacted Bill via email asking for documentation regarding Jesse's resignation. Bill sent Gordon a copy of Jesse's email to that effect.

Budget/Expenses

Signs - the OHCC would like small metal signs at each town cemetery. Frank Ross may be able to provide these. Approximate cost for 8 is \$800.

Holiday Beach Cemetery conservation - Joe Ferrannini for 4 days x \$900 = \$3,600

Ben Bruno - webpage & trainings - \$300-\$500

Plastic veteran medallions - \$176.03

Printing Cemetery transcription book - Heather will get estimate

Fence for Merriman cemetery - further research needed

Cemetery transcription book - "Cemeteries of Owls Head"

Heather has done an amazing job putting the recent transcriptions of all OH cemeteries into one volume, complete with an "Every Name Index"!

OHCC will share the book with MRHS and ask if they will sell copies to offset our printing cost - Lea will contact MRHS.

A Comprehensive list of Veterans for each cemetery, by war, will be included.

Recently corrected/updated list of keepers of Owls Head Lighthouse (6 of whom are buried in OH) will also be added to the book.

Update Ordinances (Tabled until 2023)

- 1) Permits for any burials including cremains
- 2) Base for all headstones
- 3) Make funeral homes aware of policies/ordinances
- 4) Other

Cemetery signs

Cost - approximately \$100 per sign. We will need 8. The signs will be white with black lettering.

Waiting to see if Frank Ross is able to make the headstone shape we would like or if we need to get them online. Lea will see if PDQ or Adventure Advertising could make the signs if Frank Ross cannot.

Cemetery stuff

Remove trash barrels for season to avoid folks using them for household trash - Bill will call Terry Morang to arrange this.

Garden t-stake will be placed just ahead of the one parking spot at MacPhail to keep vehicles from driving into the cemetery (this will likely be the best location for the cemetery sign) - Bill will handle this.

Flags

Mike will rip off flags and take them to the American Legion for proper disposal.

Next season we will seek volunteers to help place and remove flags.

Heather has rewritten our Flag Policy and will add it to the new webpage.

Facebook

Jesse Ellis created the existing OHCC FB which we believe is tied to her personal account. Because the committee cannot maintain/edit the existing OHCC FB, Mike will contact Jesse and ask her to delete it. The committee will create a new FB.

New OHCC website & Email

The Select Board approved us having a webpage on the town site at the 11/9/22 meeting. Heather & Lea hope to meet with Ben Bruno (web designer for town) for training soon so that they can edit & update the committee webpage.

Add new OHCC email address: **owlsheadcemeterycommittee@owlshead.maine.gov**

Who wants to monitor email? Take turns monthly?

Town Website

On 11/15 Lea emailed Pam Curtis at the town office requesting an update to town website - 1) remove Jesse Ellis from committee list 2) delete OHCC info on Club page which is outdated and unnecessary once we have a dedicated page.

Sale of Owls Head Cemetery to Town

Bill will contact Airport Manager Jeremy Shaw to see if there has been any progress and whether a survey has been done (or is scheduled).

Projects for 2023

Update ordinances and notify local funeral homes

Cooper Cemetery conservation - perhaps in the spring when Walter returns to Maine?

Holiday Beach conservation part 2 - September

Hall Cemetery - Joseph Perry stone repair

Print Cemetery Book

Cemetery signs installed

Research MacPhail additional "parking" area

Establish ownership of Merriman Cemetery - abandoned cemetery procedure, town vote in

August - Lea will contact Paul Harrell (attorney) for status update.

Fence for Merriman Cemetery

Respectfully submitted by Lea Carver