

Old Burying Ground Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 5:00 P.M.

Legion Hall, Groton, MA.

Agenda

Discuss Community Preservation Plan (CPP) application

Old Burying Ground Commission –CPA funding- proposed repairs within Old Burying Ground

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Gates-Both gates are missing the latches that keep them shut. They freeze in the open position during the winter. This will require the attention of a welder or blacksmith.

Signs-New signs are needed at both gates. The new signs need to include the words “no metal detecting allowed.”

Chain link-The antique chain around the Brown family lot is in need of repair and needs to be reattached to the granite posts. Blacksmith needed.

Headstones- The following headstones are in need on conservation, cleaning, stabilization, repair, or resetting. **Quadrant # 3** needs the most attention.

Ephraim Nutting 1797-Quad 3- Rev. Soldier, stone is broken off at base, needs resetting or repair.

William Parker 1761-Quad 3-Small pox victim, stone is shattered and in need of stabilization, old repair with iron strapping holding it together

Susasna Parker 1753-Quad 3- Wife of William Parker, stone fractured along right side, in need of stabilization and repair.

Deborah Amaes 1782 (Ames)- Quad 3-Stone fractured, repair

Lucy Dodge 1859- Quad 3 -wife of Thomas Dodge -reset straighten

Thomas Dodge 1861 -Quad 3 –broken in half

Richard Sawtell- Quad 3-Straighten

Joseph Stone 1777- Quad 3- straighten

Joseph Rockwood 1816 Quad 3- needs resetting, tilted

Deborah Shipley 1798 Quad 3 stone splitting, fracturing,-stabilize

Simon Shed 1775 Quad 3- stone is fracturing, splitting- stabilize

Abner Shepley 1849- Quad 3 –straighten

Joshua Bentley 1819/ Moses Child 1834 Rev. War - Quad 3-totally effaced, not legible, sugaring, wicking at base. Monument needs to be replaced.

Susanna Quails 1775-Quad 4-Bridge Guard, Revolutionary patriot-stone need to be reset, leaning.

Ebenezer Patch 1777- Quad 4- stone is in need of cleaning and resetting, heavily leaning.

Betsy Wyman 1851- Quad 4- resetting stone is leaning

Sarah Wyman 1841- Quad 4-resetting stone is leaning

Robert Doldt 1842- Quad 4-clean and straighten

Jonas Cutler 1782 -Quad 4- fill in gaps between old stone and new back repair.

George Kortlandt Lewis 1820 -Quad 4 -age 4 and a half years Quad 4 Clean and straighten

Mima Burgess 1832- Quad 2-Old repair failing, repair and stabilize

Thomas Farwell 1731-Quad 2- Clean and conserve

Mary Ann Abbott 1830-Quad 1-clean and straighten

Prudence Abbott 1825- Quad 1-clean and straighten

Amos Farnsworth-Quad 1- stone fracturing, splitting- stabilize

Stephen Shepley, Captain 1836 -Quad 1 -stone fracturing, splitting – stabilize

Proposed bronze plaques:

Citizens non military

Park Family of Carvers-Responsible for carving thousands of headstones in the surrounding areas

Jonas Prescott-James Prescott- oldest stone

Joshua Bentley-Rowed Paul Revere across the Charles River April 18, 1775

Jonas Cutler- Known Tory who refused to sign the Association Test

Isabel Collier Beal –Memorial plaque under flowering tree closest to Baptist Meeting House

Town Historian and Old Burying Ground Commissioner