

FINAL

CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, March 12, 2019

SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING, 7PM

Present: Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabeau, Carmelle Druchniak, Carol Howe, Lorraine Briand

Guests: Judi Lindsey and Holly Haas, Chair, Candia Cemetery Trustees

Opening Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of February Minutes

Minutes from the commission's February meeting were approved and will be posted on the town website.

Cemetery Report

Holly Haas shared the work done to date on cataloguing graves and the collection of information related to the town cemeteries. She noted that the town has been maintaining several without deeds – in other words, they are not owned by the town. There will be a public meeting March 25 to discuss the matter with selectmen and interested residents.

In the meantime, work continues on computerizing cemetery records. The East Candia and Beane Island cemeteries have been completely catalogued, Haas reported,

Her hope is that once all the work is done, there might be interest in creating a cemetery tour, that would include graves of interest. And the computerized database will be available to the public once the work is completed.

It is time-consuming work despite the computer software (purchased in 2015), she said, since some records are missing and in some instances, she must rely on old newspaper obits, etc.

Town-wide Clean-up

Judi Lindsey has volunteered to help with organizing the annual spring clean-up, set for Saturday, April 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. Various ideas were discussed with the Commission, and it was agreed a post-clean-up event would be held at Moore Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Commission members offered to do related tasks – Carmelle is contacting the Scouts, for example – and more will be finalized by the next Commission meeting April 9.

In other business:

- Funds collected by the Commission have been transferred as agreed at the Feb. meeting to the Smyth Memorial Building trustees,
- Annual barn inspections are due in April. Assignments were made and each Commission member will do on-site inspections in the coming month.
- The sign for the Hill section of Candia is ready for posting.
- Carmelle will review website pics of the Depot and ensure they are properly posted.

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Smyth Memorial Building.

Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak