

Sharps Meeting April 12, 2022

Attendees: Tom S, Jerry H, Pam G, Bud M, Franklin M, Dan S, Mary V – Recording Secretary

Welcome new board member Daniel Sekowski joining the team. He is a landscape architect with a family in the area and a historic interest in preservation of the cemetery. Happy to volunteer and support needed activities.

Burials - April 1, Lorraine Anna Mackenzie urn, south section row 12 plot 8 – April 8, John B Stoppel urn, south section row 12 plot 5. Tom met Ted from Abba Monument at the Cemetery to lay out foundations for headstones for Barbara Hendricks and Amy Spencer. Also viewed the leaning stone to determine what is needed for repair.

Thank You letter received from the Vendrick family for the assistance Jerry provided for recent burial.

Maryland Cemetery Conference will be a virtual event on May 7. CPMBS Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites newsletter provided via e-mail by Pam.

Aimee could not attend due to conflict, but informed that mowing would start soon after Easter.

Coopers bill for green burial discussed due to the additional charge of \$200 not disclosed ahead of the dig. Majority agrees that additional amount should not be paid. Dan agreed to make the call and discuss further before payment is made. Extra charge will not be passed on to the family.

Pam obtained new information about Chesapeake Vault 410-438-3569 used by Old Drawyers Cemetery in Odessa who lists \$495 as the charge for green burials. They do work in this area and will be considered for future needs as additional resource.

Much paperwork received by Pam to be delivered to Tom and Jerry for scanning and archiving. Transfer papers, 1099 for 2021 mowing as well as a Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation questionnaire for exempt property owners. This is a periodic assessment of land records done by the state.

Jerry received a template filled out and returned to John Davidson from DAR for a monument to be installed. No time table provided as to when this would occur.

One deed transfer from Alan Mackenzie dated 1964, south section row 13 plots 8 & 9, transferred to grandson Alan Mackenzie II.

No lantern fly egg masses spotted yet and duct tape will be placed on the trees with emergence expected in the first two weeks of June.

One shrub on the north side has no leaves and may not have survived the winter. Everything else looks good and healthy so far.

No formal clean-up needed for Christmas decorations. Bob W has taken care of it and the site looks good.

New plantings discussed with the addition of Dan and a future day trip to the site was mentioned for his support.