

## Minutes of N. Salem Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2015, Lobdell House, Town Government Campus, 5 p.m.

Chairman Tuoti called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Present were Debby Moore, John Malone, Linda Gracie, Gail Pantezzi, and town Historian Susie Thompson. Absent were Marcia Rockwood and Steve LaRocca. There was a quorum.

The single agenda item was the proposition that the commission would use some of its funds as well as those of the town historian to have a particular gravestone in Cat Ridge Cemetery restored by Lisa and Will Cornell.

This restoration would then be used to promote a fund raising effort to restore other gravestones in Cat Ridge Cemetery, the newest town-landmarked site. North Salem residents would be alerted to the number of cemeteries and the long-term task of restoring fallen, leaning, or broken gravestones in them, throughout the town of North Salem.

A Motion to restore the gravestone of Andrew Quick by Lisa and Will Cornell, gravestone restoration experts, for a total cost of \$1000, such funds to be provided from the budgets of the commission and the town historian, was made by Gail Pantezzi, Seconded by Debby Moore and Unanimously approved by the commission.

The work will begin this Sunday, August 9, 2015.

John Malone will do some research into the Quick family that is associated with funding at Fairfield University, and Debby Moore will do some research in historical society files into the Quick family in North Salem. Andrew Quick is believed to have died of typhoid in the American Civil War. His gravestone is particularly dramatic in that there are several tiered layers for the base of the gravestone and an arched top piece with carving. All pieces are fallen into a heap and once restored will be a prime example of state-of-the-art restoration.

Many members commented on the wonderful restoration experience they witnessed at Cat Ridge Cemetery on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and the quality of the instruction and overall experience provided by Lisa and Will Cornell. One headstone was straightened from a leaning position, one broken headstone was glued and clamped, and one brownstone headstone was cleaned.

Those present on the 28<sup>th</sup> were also shown the vault from which piles of stones and dirt were removed and caution tape installed to keep people out of the vault while further action is determined.

Debby Moore questioned the rationale behind the recent distribution by email of the North Salem Town Code of Ethics form that needs to be filled out and returned to town hall. A discussion ensued explaining scenarios and merits.

Linda Gracie desires that the town provide printed copies of such forms to members. Gail Pantezzi also requested printed HPC Minutes at our meetings for members to take away. Chairman Tuoti will see to this.

John Malone would like more information about the process of tamping down the pea gravel and sand and earth when gravestones are reset as to its sufficiency as explained by Lisa and Will Cornell .

Linda Gracie made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6 p.m. All were in favor.

Signed,

Gail Pantezzi

Commission Member