Dublin Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2012
Compiled by Loring Catlin Jr., Chair.

Present at meeting: Brooks Johnson, and Loring Catlin Jr, Trustees; Hank Campbell, Superintendent

This meeting was held solely to vote on an application, dated May 10 2012, for a monument on the Whitney lot to add a tablet for Ned (E.F.) to the existing tablet for Millie which dates from 1987.

A vote was held on the following action, which is copied here from emails circulated between the Trustees in advance of the meeting:

[To] Allow the Whitneys 2 stones, the new one identical to the old except for inscription. We [the Trustees] believe their old stone pre-dates the regs; it has no room for additional inscription. We … ask the stones be placed at the head of each respective grave, as is the historical custom elsewhere in the cemetery.

Discussion:
The trustees believe this action supports the pre-ambles to the Town Cemetery’s Regulations:

"The objective of the Town is to maintain this cemetery in a manner in which its historical heritage, simplicity, and dignity are maintained.” (page one)

Two stones is a simple, dignified solution and allows for the historical heritage of their existing stone to be maintained on site. Especially since the design of the existing stone integrates with much of the cemetery's present monument population and adding a second would arguably only strengthen this integration. The Trustees would approve this exception to Article 70, to allow more than one monument on a plot in an area where individual monuments are not common, citing and using the process and terms of Article 2.

Hank confirmed the Cemetery Regulations were first established “in the early 1990’s.”

Story was not able to attend. Via email she gave Loring her proxy (2 emails, copies attached below) in support of the motion.

    Motion: Loring, 2nd: Brooks. Passed, unanimous.

Loring Catlin Jr, Chair
24 May 2012

Proxy from Story:

Subject: Re: Cemetery Trustees Meeting inquiry for Thursday 5-16
Date: 5/17/2012 7:49:55 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
On 5/16/12 2:07 PM, "LCATLINJR@aol.com" <LCATLINJR@aol.com> wrote:

Brooks:

Story can't make Thursday AM but plans to give me a proxy. Let's meet at 9 AM at the Town Hall and see if we can hammer this out. Hank will be there, too.

Here is my take on what we appear to be headed towards:

Allow the Whitneys 2 stones, the new one identical to the old except for inscription. We believe their old stone pre-dates the regs; it has no room for additional inscription. We would ask the stones be placed at the head of each respective grave, as is the historical custom elsewhere in the cemetery.

The trustees proposed action supports the regulation's pre-amble:

"The objective of the Town is to maintain this cemetery in a manner in which its historical heritage, simplicity, and dignity are maintained."

Two stones is a simple, dignified solution and allows for the historical heritage of their existing stone to be maintained on site. Especially since the design of the existing stone integrates with much of the cemetery's present monument population and adding a second would arguably only strengthen this integration. The Trustees would approve this exception to Article 70, to allow more than one monument on a plot in an area where individual monuments are not common, using the process and terms of Article 2.

RSVP. Loring

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On 5/15/12 9:51:43 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, "LCATLINJR@aol.com" <LCATLINJR@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Story:

Can you make a Thursday 9 AM Cemetery Trustees meeting to discuss the Whitney monument and any matters Hank brings along?

Loring
From: bjohnson@dublinschool.org
To: LCATLINJR@aol.com
Sent: 5/15/2012 5:22:39 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: Cemetery  Trustees Meeting 10  AM Tuesday April 10 2012

Loring,

Thank you. I did receive the drawing. I am also inclined to find a way to make this work. We are quite busy here as we wind down to the end of the year. I can be free Thursday anytime between 8:30 and 11 am.

Brooks Johnson
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On May 15, 2012 4:30 PM, <LCATLINJR@aol.com> wrote:

Brooks, its ok, its been hectic HERE, too. Guess we missed those early May meeting dates,and I still owe everyone minutes from our last meeting.

This AM I dropped off with the DS admin secretary a copy for you of the application for Ned Whitney's stone. The Trustees will need to meet to consider this application. In order for the Trustees to approve, we will need to find a creative approach at least to Regs 70 and 87 and possibly others. Presently I am inclined to be creative on this one.

Please let me know your earliest availability to meet.

Thanks, Loring

In a message dated 4/23/2012 9:34:42 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, bjohnson@dublinschool.org writes:
Loring,

My apologies for not getting back to you sooner, it has been hectic to say the least here on campus. I believe we had talked about a meeting on Thursday May 3rd. Unfortunately I will be out of town for an Athletics Director meeting. Any chance we could do it another day? That following Friday I am free 10:15am until 1pm.

Thanks,

I cannot. Going to Boston at 10. I am away 5/22-5/25. If you give me the request, I could look it over and give you my opinion for what it is worth.

Story

I vote yes as long as they did put Milly's stone in before the one stone reg.

Story

-AND-

Subject: Whitney Headstones
Date: 5/16/2012 9:44:08 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: tomandstory@myfairpoint.net
To: LCATLINJR@aol.com
Dear Loring,

You explained to me that the Whitney family wants to put two headstones on a single base for Mildred Whitney and Edward Whitney. Two stones are against the regulations of the cemetery, however, under Article 2 the Trustees may vote to make an exception. These exceptions do not represent precedent. I believe that Mildred Whitney was buried before the single headstone rule was in place. (Loring will verify this.) The family, therefore, would have believed that they could have two stones. Because of this I feel that an exception is warranted. I would prefer to have them use two separate stones rather than two stones on a single base. I think that that would be more in keeping with the cemetery as two stones on one slab would be a much larger monument.

Story