



Southampton Town Board

116 Hampton Road
Southampton, NY 11968

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2011-78

Meeting: 01/11/11 01:00 PM

Department: Town Clerk

Category: Committees & Advisory Boards

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Sponsors: Councilwoman Graboski, Councilman Malone

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Resolution to Establish and Appoint Members to the Southampton Town Historical Burial Ground Committee

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton, New York's oldest English settlement, preserves burial sites and grave markers dating from its founding in the mid-17th century; and

WHEREAS, grave stones are part of Southampton Town's material culture and in addition serve as records of historic vital statistics; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of these sacred and historic resources is of vital importance to the Town and while the maintenance of Town-owned burial grounds is mandated by state law, conservation treatment of grave markers and the restoration of other features is necessary for the historic resources to be preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the importance of preserving historic burial grounds, the need for oversight of conservation efforts through education and training, the benefit of forming of stewardship agreements with local historical societies to raise public awareness and support for these objectives; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby creates the Historical Burial Ground Committee (the "Committee") with members to be appointed; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee will be dedicated to preserving, recording and disseminating the vital records preserved within these historic resources through research, public education and outreach; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the goals of the members of the Committee shall be to:

1. Designate Town-owned historic burying grounds on State & National Register of Historic Places
2. Form stewardship agreements between Town & local historical societies and agencies for care, protection and interpretation of burying grounds
3. Establish best practices for cleaning, repairing, maintaining burying grounds
4. Sponsor workshops and other public outreach opportunities to encourage volunteerism and to provide training
5. Expand Town's online cemetery database to include 1930s DAR cemetery survey and other historic inventories
6. Explore grant opportunities and private sector funding sources to subsidize burying ground repairs and maintenance
7. Create educational events & programs to foster greater public awareness of historic burying ground significance

RESOLVED, that the Committee will coordinate its activities with the Landmarks and Historic Districts Advisory Board, the Town Parks & Recreation Department and other interested parties under the auspices of the Office of the Town Clerk; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints the following individuals to serve on the Committee until December 31, 2012:

John Griffin
Marlene Haresign
Allyn Jackson
Tom Mendenhall
Roger Tollefsen
Joseph Zaykowski
Tina Tarrant, Shinnecock Nation Representative
Zachary Studenroth, Southampton Town Historian - Chairman
Sundy A. Schermeyer, Southampton Town Clerk - Ex-Officio
Nancy Graboski, Town Board Liaison
James Malone, Town Board Liaison

Financial Impact

None.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy Graboski, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	James Malone, Councilman
AYES:	Throne-Holst, Malone, Graboski, Fleming, Nuzzi