

Motion to Charge the Memorialization Committee to Actively Seek Gravestone and Marker Restoration Projects

A motion is hereby made to update the Memorialization Committee description in the POM as follows to include the preservation and restoration of existing signs and markers (changes are noted in bold italics). An initial budget of \$5000 is proposed for this Committee.

Memorialization Committee. The Memorialization Committee is activated to assist the Board in ~~the management of locating, managing,~~ establishing, erecting, **preserving, restoring** or other related actions for various types of **signs and** memorials approved by and tasked by the Board. When activated, **the Committee** will be granted authority including negotiations with cognizant authorities, developing plans of action that include securing a memorial site, suggested design, appropriate wording, site design and beautification, and services necessary for ~~the sign and~~ memorial fabrication, ~~and~~ erection, **preservation and restoration**. The Memorialization Committee may be granted authority to represent the DELANO KINDRED in negotiations with other parties involved with implementing the approved Memorial Plan. Members of the Memorialization Committee include: the Genealogist, Historian and the Chair of the Internet/WebPage Committee.

Supporting explanation: The clear success of the restoration of Benoni Delano's marker in the Myles Standish Burial Ground in Duxbury has highlighted the fact that many other markers in and around this and other areas where Delanos lived are in dire need of similar preservation and/or restoration. It fits well within our 501(c)(3) mission statement and presents us with a wonderful opportunity to make a noticeable difference in our own communities, a difference that will be widely noticed and appreciated. The money to fund this initiative is already "in the bank" in the form of past donations to the Kindred; there is also an ongoing "Gravestone Restoration Project" identified as one of our charitable projects to keep raising funds on a continuous basis.

Frank Drollett at Colonial Stone was the fellow Tom worked with to restore the Benoni marker, and since that project was completed, he has sent Tom several photos of other Delano grave markers in Eastern Massachusetts which need help. Since he does so much restoration work in that area, he would be an excellent resource to scout out possible marker restoration projects.

Motion proposed by Terry Delano.