

CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Gill, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: August 26, 2015

SUBJECT: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Service Project

Recommendation

The Department recommends acceptance of this report

Background

The City of Concord Parks and Recreation Department desires to partner with members of the DAR to update records, preserve monuments, and make other general improvements to the Old Fort Cemetery.

Discussion

The Parks and Recreation Administrative staff recently met with members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They have approached the City with a proposal to utilize the Old Fort Cemetery, located on Shawmut St, for their yearly service project. Members of their organization have identified the Old Fort Cemetery as historically important due to the number of Revolutionary War veterans and a daughter of the revolution being interred there. The organization would be trained in the preservation of monuments by City cemetery staff and then commit to preserving the monuments along with cataloging the interred veterans, adding a new American flag and flag pole, and completing other small landscape projects as approved by City staff. Work would begin this fall and continue through next summer.