

DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF BRISTOL CEMETERY TRUSTEES MEETING

February 14, 2019

Location: Bristol Town Office

Members present: Richard LaFlamme, chairperson and Tom Keegan

Called to order: 10:13 am

Minutes from November 11, 2018 were approved as presented

OLD BUSINESS:

Four quotes for an archaeological survey of the town cemeteries have been received. Christina Goodwin (Town Assessing Office), Richard LaFlamme (Cemetery Trustee), Tyler Simon (town planner) and Ms. Hemingway (Historic District Commission), awarded this grant funded survey, to Near View Archaeological, out of Portsmouth NH. Victoria Bunker Inc., Independent Archaeological Consulting and Monadnock Archaeological LLC were the other companies that bid on this project. On February 27th or 28th all interested parties will meet at the town office with Near View Archaeological, for any further questions on this project and what this survey encompasses. One question will be to make sure all six town cemeteries are included in this project. This study will NOT entail any digging in the cemeteries. A draft report will be due in June or July of 2019.

The Town Cemetery Trustees are requesting \$850.00 for this upcoming year. This amount would include monies for unexpected expenses (example- downed trees or limbs), new sign and repair /replacement of gate at Worthan Cemetery, turn the sign at Sanborn Cemetery perpendicular to the roadway and possibly clean more headstones.

New Hampshire Old Cemeteries (NHOC) organization is interested in doing a workshop on how to clean headstones properly. What NHOC requires are bathroom facilities and water or coffee availability and a two month notice. Richard will be in contact with them to see which town cemeteries are suitable.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Preble has agreed to run again for cemetery Trustee. Thank you Ron.

Richard has written the annual town cemetery trustees report for the upcoming town meeting in March. Thank you Richard.

Bristol's Bicentennial celebration is this year. There has been a request for someone from this board to give a talk about the six town cemeteries.

Richard was recently given some hand written maps of the six town cemeteries. No dates, as to when the maps were drawn, was found. These maps will go into the town cemetery file.

The town has two "Sleeper" cemeteries. This has led to confusion on the part of anyone, not familiar with the town cemeteries. The trustees should see if there is a simple way of possibly doing a name change and/or additional wording, so anyone can know these two "Sleeper" are not the same cemetery.

Richard will continue his work of updating the markers/headstones at the Sleeper cemetery by Newfound Lake.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: May 9th, 2019

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Tom seconded by Richard.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:00 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Tom Keegan