

*APPROVED MINUTES*  
TOWN OF BRISTOL CEMETERY TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 18, 2016

Location: Bristol Town Office

Members present: Archie Auger (chairperson), Tom Keegan, Ron Preble

Called to order: 9:24 am

Minutes from November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were approved with corrections.

### OLD BUSINESS

The election of officers-Nominating Archie Auger-chair, Tom Keegan-secretary. Discussion, vote was unanimous.

Plans were made for this year's projects. Kai of Gravestone Services of New England (GSNE) has presented a contract to repair/clean 17 headstones at the Sleeper cemetery next to Slim Baker lodge and the Sleeper Cemetery by Newfound Lake (off Ackerman Road) for \$3200.00. Note-no other bids were requested because GSNE constantly provided a less expensive bid than other headstone repair/cleaning companies. Motion made by Ron, seconded by Tom for GSNE contract. Discussion followed. Vote taken and it was unanimous that GSNE should do the work. These are the last town cemeteries to have headstones repaired and cleaned. Discussion followed that some monies should be included in future cemetery budgets for routine repairs and maintenance.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Peter Daniels, town employee, trimmed and picked up leaves with assistance of the Haverill inmates work program. Work was done at the Heath, Keyser and Sanborn cemeteries. Monies should be taken from the Town Cemetery's budget to help pay for his time. Thank you note should be sent to Haverill corrections people for all of their help.

What should the Town Cemetery Committee focus on in the future: repair of stone walls around cemeteries.

Other ideas?

Archie mentioned that there are seminars put on by the State dealing with cemetery trustee's duties and responsibilities on May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

"Green burial" were discussed. Green as in no vault, preservatives, headstones/markers or lawn care-just a burial in a wooded area.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

Homeland Cemetery was briefly discussed

NEXT MEETING: TBA

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Archie, seconded by Ron. Vote was unanimous.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:14 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Tom Keegan

