

DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF BRISTOL
CEMETERY COMMITTEE
July 3, 2012

The meeting opened at 9:10 am at the Bristol Town Offices

Present: Archie Auger, Ron Preble Tom Keegan

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of previous meeting of May 1, 2012 were approved.

Old business: Stone(s) repair and cleaning work at the Worthen Cemetery were discussed. Archie showed a picture of three stones and four corner makers which the Board would like to have repaired, cleaned and straightened. The possible scope of repairs/cleaning include one stone which is broken, one stone which has a loose base, all three stones would be cleaned, and the four corner markers would be straightened. Archie has received two quotes: Parry's Memorials \$425.00 and Mark Hubbard for \$850.00. Discussion followed with everyone agreeing that because the selected stones and corner markers were quite visible from Rt. 104, it would show residences and taxpayers the Cemetery Board is active and is starting a maintenance plan to spruce up the Town Cemeteries. Ron made a motion to hire Perry's for \$425 to perform the above mention repairs, cleaning and straightening with the stipulation that the work would be done on a Tuesday or Wednesday so all board members can be present for the work. Seconded by Tom, and motion passed with 3 yeas. Discussion then followed as to how to pay for the repairs/cleaning of these stones and corner posts. Archie explained that we have approximately \$200 to \$250 left in our budget (town labor costs are unknown at this time) and approximately \$9000.00 in the Cemetery Trust funds. The \$425 could be paid for using the remaindered of our budget monies and the balance to come from Cemetery Trust funds. Archie has spoken to one of the Town Trust Funds trustee, David Carr, and will get specifics as to which Trust fund can be used to pay for these repairs/cleaning. Ron made a motion to use the remainder of our town budget monies and trust fund monies for repair/cleaning of three stones and corner posts. ,with the stipulation the trust fund monies used will not exceed \$500.00- Seconded be Tom and motion passed with tree yeas.

The next item on the agenda was the repair and storage of the Sleeper Cemetery (next to Slim Baker Recreation Area) gate. The gate has been repaired by Mr. ??? from the "Earthly Treasures" for \$200.00. The gate dates back to the late 1800s. This is the second time the gate has been repaired and we were told by Mr. that if the gate is vandalized again it would be very difficult or next to impossible to repair it. Because of the remote location of the Sleeper Cemetery and the chance of future vandalism discussion followed as to were to store the gate instead of putting it back on the Cemetery entrance. Archie suggested storing it at the Bristol Historical Association (BHA) which is presently located at the old Bristol Fire Station. Ron made a motion to place the Sleeper Cemetery gate at the BHA, located on NH Route 3A south in the old Bristol fire

Station and the ownership of the Sleeper Cemetery gate will remain with the Town of Bristol Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Tom. Motion passed with 3 yeas. Archie gave an update on the maintenance of the Worthen and Sanborn Cemeteries. Archie has cut and trimmed the grass, and cleared brush from both of these cemeteries. The prisoners from Haverall have also done maintenance on a few of the Town cemeteries this spring. There was discussion on asking the Town Administrator if we could get them this fall.

New business: We reviewed some of the NH RSAs as they pertain to town owned cemeteries. We looked over RSA 289.4 Funding; RSA 289.7 Trustees; and RSA 289.9 Trust funds. Archie has had a few calls inquiring about relatives possibly buried in a Town cemetery.

Next meeting: TBA

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 am

Respectfully submitted;

Tom Keegan