

APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF BRISTOL CEMETERY TRUSTEES MEETING

November 11, 2018

Location: Bristol Town Office

Members present: Richard LaFlamme (new member) Tom Keegan, Ron Preble

Called to order: 10:10 am

Minutes from August 23, 2018 were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS: Richard presented information on the Town's cemeteries that he has been working on since the last Trustees meeting. Richard has updated most all of the names of everyone that is known to be buried in each of the Town's cemeteries. This task has not been easy but with help from "Find a Grave" website, previous town/private individuals, burial records and most importantly visiting each town cemetery resulted in page after page of updated names. Two other points to note: The "second" Sleeper Cemetery, near Newfound Lake was not found on "Find a Grave" website and records of burial names are skimpy or non existent. Richard expects to gather the names at this cemetery, in the spring of 2019. Also please note this information does not give exact or even an approximate location of where each individual is buried, it only list names (alphabetically) of people. Ron and Tom thank Richard for all of his work to update these Town Cemetery records.

The Trustees thanked Nik Coates, Bristol Town Administrator, for his letter (email letter?) to Kathryan Freeze stating the Town of Bristol did not expect or plan to in the future, of a plot of land, near the old Bristol Poor Farm, (located at the top of Hemlock Brook Road) as a Town cemetery /graveyard.

As was discussed previous, concerning a cemetery survey around one or more of the town cemeteries, Richard has let the people doing the cemetery survey know there will be no digging in or around any town cemetery without first contacting the cemetery trustees . Richard handed out a "Request for Bid " sheet that explains in detail just what this survey would entail.

NEW BUSINESS:The volunteers from the Haverill Correctional Facility did a great job of cleaning debris from the Worthan Cemetery this past season and hope to have them back next year to work in other town cemeteries.

Richard is looking into the possibility of have a non profit group in that deals with old graveyards and cemeteries, to do a demonstration in one of the town's cemeteries, of how to safely clean old headstones.

Discussion was had about the 2019 budget request from the cemetery trustees. We agreed it will be \$500. The reason for asking this amount was to cover the possibility of damage to headstones or cemetery grounds from trees or branches falling in the town cemeteries and also any gravestone cleaning. It was a unanimous vote, to request \$500 to be put in our budget line for presentation to the select board and budget committee.

Richard will be working on updating the new and /or revised By-Laws for the town cemeteries.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: February 14, 2019

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:02 am **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Tom Keegan

