**Bristol Cemetery Trustees**

The Bristol Cemetery Trustees are three (3) elected officials with the responsibilities of care and maintenance of municipal cemeteries along with establishing the Cemetery Bylaws.

The Bristol Cemetery Trustees (BCT) met in 2019 once a quarter on the third Thursday of the month to:

* perform maintenance on the six (6) cemeteries that belong to the Town of Bristol
* inspect and clean gravestones
* check regulations on any changes that may be required
* renew the Cemetery Bylaws for compliance and changes working with the Land Use Office for assistance

Things accomplished during 2019 were as follows:

* Welcomed Ron Preble back for another 3 years.
* Cleaned all the cemeteries of brush and limbs that fell during the winter months.
* Checked all the cemeteries for gravestone damage.
* Worked with the Land Use Office and the Historic District Commission to oversee the Certified Local Government grant for a historical survey, which was completed by NearView, LLC. Nearview presented the survey results at a workshop at the Minot-Sleeper Library.
* Amended the Bristol Cemetery Bylaws, which were signed on the August 30, 2019.
* Changed the name of Sleeper Cemetery near Akerman Road to Sleeper #2.
* Did an inventory of the gravestones with pictures and corresponding names with a goal to get the cemetery on Find-a-grave with the other five (5) cemeteries.
* Purchased new signs for Worthen, Sleeper #2, and Heath cemeteries.
* Purchased new flags and veteran holders for the veterans buried in all six (6) cemeteries to cover the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and World War II.
* Purchased cemetery closed signs and posts
* Tom Keegan and Ron Preble made a new gate for Worthen Cemetery – Thank you
* Sponsored a presentation at Minot-Sleeper Library on the history of the Bristol Town Cemeteries.

Things to accomplish during 2020:

* Installation of new replacement signs
* Installation of new closed signs
* Installation of new Veteran grave markers with flags
* Continue the cleaning of gravestones and make plans for repairing any broken or damaged stones
* Clean the cemeteries as needed (limbs and other debris)
* Other maintenance where required working with the Town

Respectfully submitted,

Bristol Cemetery Trustees - Richard LaFlamme, Chair; Tom Keegan; Ron Preble