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## Drummer Notes

August 5, 2024

**Meeting Called to Order** by Bruce Carter, filling in for Alon Sapir

**Pledge:** it was said

**Invocation:** Bob Price

**Topic**

**Song:** Bob Price

God Bless America



Jeff

Taylor, our speaker

### Announcements:

- 1 Bob Vossler: Paddle Fest needs sponsors, participants and on-site volunteers. September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 **Bruce lost the meeting notes.**
- 3 So nothing is going to happen
- 4 Except Tom Sansone will be organizing a **new member drive** soon.

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### Just Because:

- 1 Bruce lost these tooâ€¦
- 2 Fill in the blanks
- 3 Bla ks
- 4 Bl nks
- 5 B anks

Margaret Hodgkins  
August 2nd  
Stephanie J. Coakley  
August 11th

## No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Douglas Williams	11-01-1993	31 Years
Thomas J. Walsh Jr.	11-01-1999	25 Years
Robert B. Price	11-01-1999	25 Years
Deborah Clancy	11-07-2005	19 Years
Chad Stewart	11-07-2005	19 Years
Robert D. Russo	11-10-2014	10 Years
Noor Deeb	11-16-2021	3 Years
Wadie Boutros	10-31-2022	2 Years

## Other Business: Who remembers?

Jeff presented one of the most interesting historical presentations we have been treated to for a while. He noted the poor condition of the graveyard on Bronson Road and decided to rehabilitate it.

That was not going to be easy. The graveyard was very old and in disrepair. First, permission had to be granted by the Probate Judge, Dan Caruso.

The restorer could not just pick up the parts and reassemble the stones. There is a necessary science to the process. It all seemed fairly easy.

A grave yard restoration course had to be completed and it was not easy nor cheap. When that was completed, \$\$\$\$ all things seemed to be a "go", which is good because quite a few dollars just left.

The probate judge had to give approval. That was granted.

Suddenly the job grew in complexity and scope. Jeff could not do it alone. The size of the cemetery and the number of stones grew in size as headstones and footstones were discovered all over the place.

The project was brought under control when volunteers appeared from all over the area.

When there were **no more buts about it**, the project was completed over a ten-year span!'

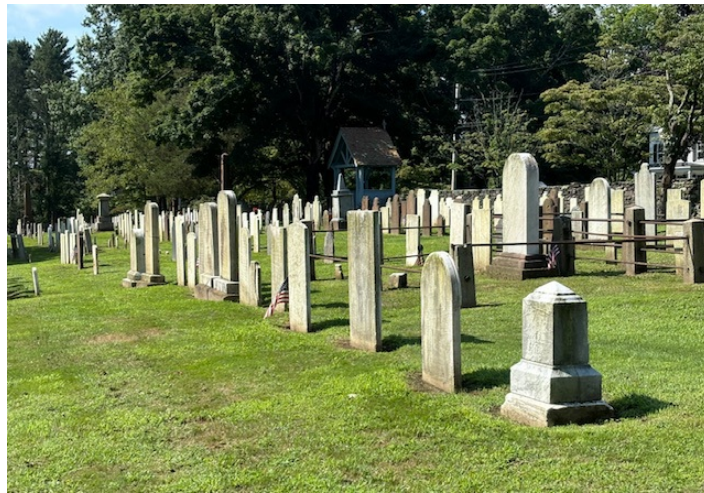
Some cool facts about the graveyard:

Here rests a lot of Revolutionary War soldiers and sailors, the largest number of named veterans anywhere in the country.





Civil War veterans are there also.  
Here are some photographs which might give you the  
scope of the project and its historic significance!



Significant work was done...





Parts were assembled...



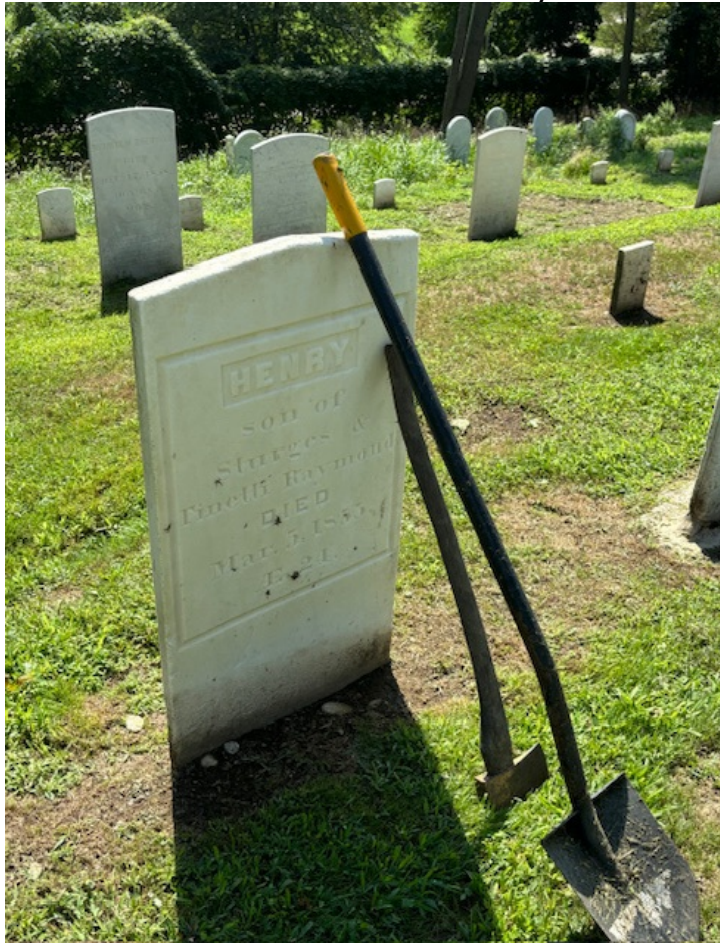
Puzzles figured out







Foundations Added When Necessary



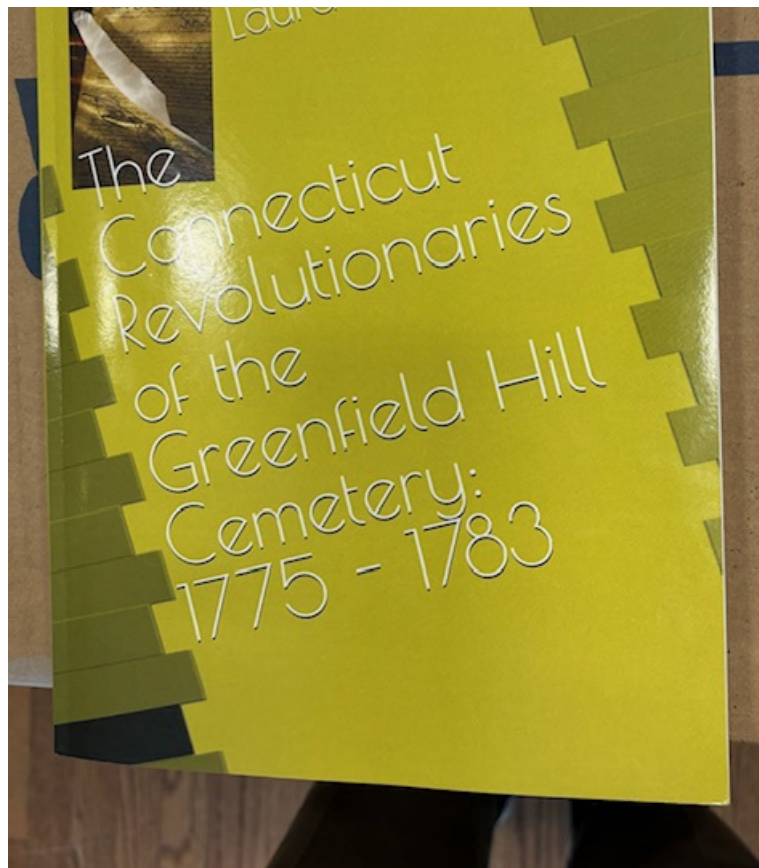
The work isn't done yet...

John Marshall Lee speaks with Jeff Taylor



Here is how you can learn more!!





Actual Colonial Naval Battle Flag flown a Southport Resident during the Revolution. Holes are from gun shots.



Flag was saved by an officer who served under John Paul Jones circa 1777. (it is not the flag from the Bonhomme Richard, however) The flag is certified authentic by the Smithsonian Institution.

**Raffle:** No winners

**Four Way Test:** Done

**Don't forget Norma and the Gift Cards**

**If you missed this meeting, more good ones are in the pipeline...**