

Historian's report - October 2022

University of Pennsylvania - I collected and submitted information to several graduate students in the Climate Smart Communities project. They were especially interested in past and current programs which reuse and recycle materials in the Salem area.

Revolutionary War Cemetery - Joe Ferranini of Grave Stone Matters was here in October to repair several broken and toppled headstones in the cemetery. To date in 2022, he was paid \$1500. from the Historian's budget and \$8500. was paid by the Asa Fitch Historical Society for repairs and the straightening of leaning stones.

Channel 10's Cassie Hudson was here to interview Tom McMorris and me about the "Voices from the Grave" project. The segment aired several times on Channel 10 and was then picked up by Fox News. They were very interested in the use of the QR codes which allow access to the YouTube videos of now 7 "dead people" coming to life to tell their stories. There is also a video of me and Joe Ferranini telling about his work in the cemetery. This project is on-going and will continue in the spring.

Al and I will participate in the **Veterans Day** program to be held on Friday, November 11th. A new sign will be displayed with the installation being done by Travis Keys

Historic Preservation Commission -

The commission will hold its November meeting on Monday the 21st. A photographic inventory of the houses and buildings within the Historic District has been completed by Tom McMorris. This inventory will be used in 2023 for an Architectural survey of the district to be presented to the public.

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