

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission  
Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.  
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman  
Commissioner Deanne Levesque  
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte  
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski

ABSENT: City Council Liaison, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Commissioner Linda Arbesman  
Commissioner Brittany Barney

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**2. Public Participation**

Stephen Block approached the Commission stating that he refaced the stone in Down Street Cemetery. He provided pictures of his work on the stone. He cleaned the stone with soap and water. He used a marker to highlight the letters and then shellacked the stone.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the December 9, 2019 meeting minutes.  
Seconded by Commissioner Levesque  
All in favor; motion passed

**4. Old Business by Commissioners**

**5. New Business by Commissioners**

A 20' flag pole is needed for South Cemetery which will cost \$200-\$300. Commissioner Piotrowski will look at pricing for 3 flags. (South Cemetery, North Cemetery and Lake Avenue) Chairman Saman would like to see the Betsy Ross flag in the North Cemetery.

Chairman Saman will go to Thomaston Bank to obtain funds in order to purchase the flags, poles and D2.

The Commissioners would like a ruling on the Sarah Norton Pardee Trust. Chairman Saman will submit a letter to Honorable Judge Duval to request another hearing. Chairman Saman will send the letter certified and tracked. A letter should be sent indicating that the hearing was in April 2019 and the judge had 90 days to make a decision. Why has a decision been made.

Commissioner Saman will call CCSU regarding the Civil War monument.

Access is being used in order to manage the plots and information. The Grave Discover software is detailed; however expensive.

Sharon Brooks wants to know who actually provided the engraving services on the stones as she wants to publish a book about the history.

The Commissioners will talk to Roger Rousseau about sending out bids for the maintenance of the cemeteries.

Lantern Tour will transpire in the fall. It will consist of two (2) show times. Chairman Saman will reach out to the high schools as he's in need of additional actors. The drama clubs may have individuals that may be interested.

**6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting**

**7. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Levesque.

**Motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman