

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission  
Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.  
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman  
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski  
Commissioner Linda Arbesman

ABSENT:  
Commissioner Deanne Levesque  
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte  
City Council Member Brittany Barney

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**2. Public Participation**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the March 9, 2020 meeting minutes.  
Seconded by Commissioner Arberman.  
All in favor; motion passed

**4. Old Business by Commissioners**

Chairman Saman stated he did send an email and left a voicemail to the gentleman at CCSU regarding the Civil War monument, has yet to hear back. CCSU is also closed due to Covid19.

Chairman Saman will reach out to Roger Rousseau regarding grass cutting at the cemeteries and his guidelines of keeping records. Commissioner Piotrowski said Lewis Street Cemetery looked clean and grass was cut. Commissioner Arbesman stated the West Cemetery the back end by the Civil War Monument wasn't cut but the front side was cut as it abuts Pound Street.

**5. New Business by Commissioners**

Update on Sarah Norton Pardee Trust- Commissioner Saman gave an update regarding the Trust. He received a letter and there was a Probate Court hearing on Monday June 8, 2020 at 2:00 pm and the memo Chairman Saman sent on May 13, 2019 was passed by Judge Dorval. Will be receiving \$35,000 dollars. Judge Dorval will write up the motion and will provide a recording of the hearing to the Commission. Money will be handled by Main Street Foundation. \$20,000 in Main Street Foundation for the Sarah Norton Pardee Trust, \$15,000 for the Cemetery Commission through Main Street Foundation as well.

Chairman Saman stated he received work from Dawn Labella that Thomaston Savings may not be giving donations to Non-profits as it seems they will giving those funds to Essential Workers or those affected by Covid19.

Chairman Saman discussed the flags to be installed at South Cemetery (Downs Street) and Lave Avenue, should funds be taken out of The Cemetery Commission account. The cost of the flag poles will be \$250 for 2 poles with solar lights. Commissioner Piotrowski will reach out to Mayor Ellen Zoppo Sassu to discuss putting a Betsy Rose only flag for the South Street Cemetery, maybe include a sign or plaque stating why only a Betsy Rose. If not approved the American Flag and Betsy Rose flag will both be put up on the flag pole.

Chairman Saman discussed the Cemetery tour, not sure how it will go. Has more names for the Cemetery. Wait and see and maybe push it out a month. Commissioner Piotrowski, most fall activities are being canceled. Chairman Saman, maybe open up North Cemetery put markers up invite public to go in and do a self-guided tour.

Chairman Saman set a walking tour for the Commission for Tuesday June 16, 2020 at 5:30 starting at Lake Avenue and then Downs Street to see where Flag poles should be placed.

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

**7. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Arbesman to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Piotrowski.

**Motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman