

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday, July 13, 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
Commissioner Deanne Levesque
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte
City Council Member Brittany Barney

Jeanne Doer, Deputy Treasurer

ABSENT:

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

Chairman Saman stated he spoke with Roger Rousseau who told him that the President of the West Cemetery Association is getting people together to cut the grass. Note: all three cemeteries have had the grass cut.

Chairman Saman discussed the quick installation of the flag poles at South Cemetery and Lake Avenue Cemetery. Regulation signs are also up.

5. New Business by Commissioners

Commissioner Saman gave an update regarding the Probate court ruling on the Pardee Trust. He invited Jeanne Doer to speak regarding the action. Due to a Connecticut Court ruling late last year, the Probate Court was allowed to make a ruling on the Trust in question.

Jeanne Doer gave a breakdown of funds and how they will be dispersed: BCO would receive \$1,250 plus additional \$3,750, so the total for BCO would be \$5,021.76. Main Street Community Foundation will get \$20,000 plus the additional \$3,750 half of the \$7,500 main interest that was also split and given to BCO. The remaining portion of the trust \$36,000 for the Cemetery; The Judge awarded \$20,000 to MSCF to use for Cemetery upkeep as per the original Trust, they also got the other \$3,750. When that reaches \$30,000, from interest, \$5,000 will be given to the Cemetery Commission and Main Street will retain the \$25,000. The Cemetery Commission will get \$16,281.28 from the original trust. Remember, these numbers will change due to interest and adjustments....these are not the final numbers.

Chairman Saman said he was informed that there are 8? graves at North Cemetery and 2 in Terryville.

Commissioner LaPorte asked the Chairman what his first priorities would be for the money.

Chairman stated the small fence around one of the graves at North Cemetery, and Repair/Restore falling apart stones of well-known residents. Enhanced lettering on some of the stones.

Jeanne Doer, in the original will it says the cemetery portion is to be used for the caring of the burial places of her grandparents in Plymouth's East Church burial ground and her Father, Mother, sisters and brothers at Bristol's North Burial Ground, Lewis Street Cemetery. In the decree it says for the two Cemeteries.

Chairman Saman suggested they divide up the funds by how many grave sites. Ten divided by \$16,000. Will provide a list of the grave stones we are responsible for as well as what Main Street Foundation will be responsible for. Comptrollers will find out who to disperse the check to at BCO, Main Street Foundation and Terryville.

Chairman Saman brought up the Lantern Tour, Commissioner LaPorte suggested the Lantern Tour be canceled in lieu of the pandemic and the other large events that have been canceled.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

None.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Levesque.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman

