

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday, October 5, 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

ABSENT: Council Member Brittany Barney

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Linda Arbesman to accept the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Deanne Levesque

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

None

5. New Business by Commissioners

Chairman Saman updated the Commission on Sarah Norton Pardee Trust, There is an IRS ruling that Probate court needs to do. Main Street Community Foundation cannot accept the ruling until the ruling is filed with the IRS.

Chairman Saman updated the Commission on his discussions with Christopher Henning on his quote.

Chairman Saman discussed the Pepin Steel Quote of a maximum of \$5,000. Thomas LaPorte suggested the fence be removed and begin work on it. Funds are currently on hold. Contract cannot be signed until the funds are available. Once the fence is removed, Thomas LaPorte will use his metal detector to see if there are any pieces of the fence buried in the ground. Chairman Saman will contact Pepin Steel to take the fence down to begin repairs.

Chairman Saman discussed the Tree Warden hearing regarding West Cemetery. Commissioner Arbesman stated how her niece is an Arborist and shared her concern. Commissioner Poitrowski stated that The Tree Warden sent out his decision at 5pm, It went from 52 being removed to 17. A full list and map was supplied. 3 trees will also be replanted. Stated that the Arborist, the Mayor and the Tree Warden went through West Cemetery together and discussed the trees.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

Commissioner Arbesman brought up QR codes that people put at cemeteries. The symbol would be placed near the gravestone and then you scan it with your phone and it gives the history of the person. Commissioner Poitrowski was concerned about the cost of the program. Commissioner Arbesman stated that it is a project that her contact is doing on the revolutionary war gravestones. Commissioner Poitrowski suggested we invite her to the next meeting to explain what the project would entail.

Commissioner LaPorte excused himself at 6:15 p.m.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Poitrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman