

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission  
Monday March 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.  
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman  
Commissioner Linda Arbesman (Zoom)  
Commissioner Nicole LaPorte  
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte  
Council Member Panioto

ABSENT:  
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

**2. Public Participation**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte to accept the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.  
All in favor; motion passed

**4. Old Business by Commissioners**

- Grave stones in Mine Brook - Pending
  - No updates.
- Vandalism at one of Bristol's Historic Cemeteries Downs - Pending
  - No Updates

**5. New Business by Commissioners**

- Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
  - The Commission discussed going before the BOF and ARPA Committee with the exact figures for the restoration project. The Commission also discussed other forms of funding including donations from the community and Travelers.
- Lawn Maintenance at the four Historic Grace areas in Bristol.
  - The Commission will reach out to the maintenance company that attended the Wreaths Across America event to see if they would be interested in taking over the maintenance of the cemeteries.

- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” grave site at North Cemetery.
  - No updates.
- Working on software for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
  - Chairman Saman is hopeful that the March 2023 Symposium will create interest and get some volunteers for this project.
- QR Codes on selected cemetery stones.
  - No updates.
- 2023 Symposium – March 11, 2023 at Bristol Library
  - The Symposium will be held from 10am-3pm on Saturday March 11, 2023 at the Bristol Public Library with a ½ hour lunch break. There was an article in the Bristol Press to promote the event and the Bristol Historical Society also put it in their newsletter. The Commission is hopeful that this is just a start and that there will be more symposiums/events throughout the year. The Commission is also hoping that the event creates community interest in the maintenance of cemeteries and even the QR Code/software projects that have been in the works. Commissioner Thomas LaPorte expressed his appreciation for Scott Stanton’s help with setting up the event. There will be a sign-up sheet for people who are interested in participating in the Lantern Tours this year.

## 6. Adjournment.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.

**Motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman