

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission  
Monday April 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.  
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman  
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte  
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski  
Council Member Panioto

ABSENT:  
Commissioner Linda Arbesman  
Commissioner Nicole LaPorte

**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 Piotrowski to accept the March 6, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

All in favor; motion passed

**4. Old Business by Commissioners**

- Grave stones in Mine Brook - Pending
  - No updates.
- 2023 Symposium – March 11, 2023 at Bristol Library
  - Chairman Saman gave the Commission an overview of the topics that were discussed at the Symposium. There was relatively low turnout for the event (about 10-12 participants).
- Vandalism at one of Bristol's Historic Cemeteries Downs - Pending
  - Public Works has taken down the tree but the fence has not been replaced yet.

**5. New Business by Commissioners**

- Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
  - Council Member Panioto spoke with the Comptrollers office and this item has been placed on the BOF April agenda. Several Commissioners will attend the BOF meeting to express their support for the project.
- Lawn Maintenance at the four Historic Grace areas in Bristol.

- The Commission will monitor the maintenance this year and take photos if there are any issues.
- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” grave site at North Cemetery.
  - Christoph is still working on the fence. Chairman Saman will reach out to him next month for an update.
- Working on software for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
  - Chairman Saman is still working on the project and suggested having a future meeting at the cemetery.
- QR Codes on selected cemetery stones.
  - The Lion’s Club is looking to do a similar project at Memorial Boulevard. Once their project is complete, a member from the Cemetery Commission may reach out to them.

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

- Council Member Panioto notified the Commission that the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant was approved for \$5k. The Commission also discussed the upcoming application season for the Thomaston Savings Bank grants.

**7. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

**Motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman