

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission  
Monday May 8, 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  
Commissioner Linda Arbesman  
Commissioner Nicole LaPorte  
Council Member Panioto

ABSENT: None

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

**2. Public Participation**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the April 10, 2023 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.
- Vandalism at one of Bristol's Historic Cemeteries Downs - Pending
  - Chairman Saman spoke with the Mayor and expressed concern about the vandalism at Downs Cemetery. Chairman Saman also spoke with Public Works Director Rogozinski regarding security cameras. The fence has still not been replaced.

**5. New Business by Commissioners**

- Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
  - Chairman Saman and Commissioners Piotrowski and Thomas LaPorte attended the recent BOF meeting where the funds were approved for the restoration of the eagle at West Cemetery. The funding is scheduled to go before the City Council in May. Once the eagle has been removed, Christoph will assess the state of the monument so the Commission can reevaluate and move forward with the rest of 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.

MOTION: Made by Chairman Saman to purchase 10 gallons of D/2 Solution for cleaning the stones at the Downs and Lewis Street Cemeteries.

Seconded by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.  
All in favor; motion passed.

- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” grave site at North Cemetery.
  - Christoph is hoping to partially install the fence in May and have the installation completed around June/July.
- Working on software for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
  - Chairman Saman is still working on the project and will provide the Commission with the data once it is available. The Commission discussed possible data sources for the project.
- QR Codes on selected cemetery stones.
  - The Lion’s Club has placed several QR Codes on Memorial Boulevard and will be expanding. The Commission discussed possible contacts to reach out to for information.

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

- Commissioner Nicole LaPorte suggested several dates for the 2023 Lantern Tours (October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 8<sup>th</sup>).
- Commissioner Arbesman informed the Commission that Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday December 16, 2023 at the Lewis Street Cemetery.

**7. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.

**Motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman