

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

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

ABSENT: None

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the June 12, 2023 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

- Lantern Tour set for Oct 6th & 7th, with a rain date of Oct 8th, 2023.
 - The Commission discussed feedback from last year's tours regarding the lighting. Commissioner Nicole LaPorte is currently looking for actors.
- Wreaths Across America set for Saturday at noon on December 16, 2023 at North Cemetery.
 - The Commission discussed having flyers for Wreaths Across America at the Lantern Tours and contacting the Bristol Press.
- Grave stones in Mine Brook - Pending
 - No updates.
- Vandalism at one of Bristol's Historic Cemeteries Downs - Pending
 - The tree has been taken down and the fence has been replaced.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
 - Chairman Saman spoke with Christoph last week and they went to West Cemetery to take a look at the monument. Upon review, it seems to be in good shape but more damage will likely be revealed after it has been cleaned. One of the wings on the eagle will need to be completely removed and reattached. The quote

is estimated to be around \$33,000 and will take about nine months. Corporation Counsel is looking to draw up a standard professional services contract with Christoph.

- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” grave site at North Cemetery.
 - Christoph is still working on the fence. Once it is finished, he will forward the bill to the Commission.
- The paperwork for locating gravestones at North Cemetery was given out. The Cemetery Commission will now be correcting it so it can be given out and put on the internet. QR codes on selected cemetery stones will be included plus other information that’s collected.
 - The Commission reviewed the packet that was handed out at the June meeting.

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

None.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman