

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission  
Monday August 14, 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 5:34 pm.

**2. Public Participation**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the July 10, 2023 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

All in favor; motion passed

Council Member Panioto joined the meeting at 5:44pm.

**4. Old Business by Commissioners**

- Lantern Tour set for Oct 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - The Commission discussed the dates and Chairman Saman will check with West Cemetery to see if September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> are available. Commissioner Nicole LaPorte informed the Commission that there will be 6-7 stops on this year's tour and tickets will be \$10. Several actors have been confirmed but we are looking for a few more actors plus guides and volunteers.
- Wreaths Across America set for Saturday at noon on December 16, 2023 at North Cemetery.
  - Commissioner Arbesman handed out a flyer for how to purchase a wreath for the event and confirmed the date.
- Grave stones in Mine Brook - Pending
  - No updates.
- Vandalism at one of Bristol's Historic Cemeteries Downs - Pending
  - There was an article in the Bristol Press regarding the vandalism. The Commission discussed installing cameras and lights. Chairman Saman will reach out to Roger Rousseau and Ray Rogozinski to inquire about the cost of installing a motion activated light.

**5. New Business by Commissioners**

- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
  - Chairman Saman signed the agreement and Christoph plans to go to the monument on Wednesday. He is concerned about the damage on one of the wings. There was a meeting between everyone involved (D'amato/Christoph/City Staff) to work out a plan for removing the Eagle.
- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the "Iron Fence" grave site at North Cemetery.
  - Christoph has put the last coat of paint on the fence. He also received the 2<sup>nd</sup> check for \$2000.
- 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.
  - No updates.

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

Chairman Saman sent out the information on an upcoming CGN Meeting (August 20<sup>th</sup> in Manchester, CT) and encouraged everyone to read the materials.

Chairman Saman also handed out information regarding the Cedar Hill Cemetery tours. The Commission discussed putting together a similar tour or something informational for the public.

#### **7. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Arbesman to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.

**Motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman