

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday September 11, 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

ABSENT: Council Member Panioto

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte to accept the August 14, 2023 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

- Lantern Tour set for Sep 29th Sept 30th with a rain date of Oct 6th & 7th, with a rain date of Oct 8th, 2023 if September is a rain out weekend.
 - Tickets will be \$10. Commissioner Nicole LaPorte is still looking for some volunteers.
- Wreaths Across America set for Saturday at noon on December 16, 2023 at North Cemetery.
 - No updates.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Lantern Tour weekend revised.
 - The dates have been changed to the weekend of September 29th-30th. If that weekend is a rain-out the original weekend will be used.
- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
 - Christoph is waiting for the initial payment; however, he has gone up and washed the eagle. He also plans to dye the cement so it's all the same color.
- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the "Iron Fence" grave site at North Cemetery.

- The fence is almost finished and should be completed in October.
 - 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. Chairman Saman is still working on some of the data.
 - Sunday walk at North Cemetery
 - The Commission discussed some of the issues at Lewis Street Cemetery and what could be done to clean it up. The Commission plans to do a walk through the cemetery sometime in the spring to verify the information from the paperwork that was handed out several months ago.
 - October Meeting is the first Monday of the month.
 - Chairman Saman reminded Commissioners that the October meeting will be October 2nd, 2023 due to the holiday.
- 6. Any other business proper to come before the meeting.**

Chairman Saman handed out information regarding Arlington Cemetery and what different coins mean when they are placed on gravestones.

7. Adjournment.

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

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman