

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday October 2, 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 5:38 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte to accept the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.
All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

- Wreaths Across America set for Saturday at noon on December 16, 2023 at North Cemetery.
 - No updates.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Results of the Lantern Tour at West Cemetery.
 - Commissioner Nicole LaPorte provided a brief overview of the tour. Commissioners received positive reviews regarding the 2023 Lantern Tours at West Cemetery. Next year the Commission will try to order duller lanterns for the tour guides and reserve the bright lanterns for CERT. A dress rehearsal may be scheduled for next year's tours to help get more press for the event. Maya has all of the counts and donations from the event.
- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
 - The Eagle has been taken down/steam cleaned and there will be preservative measures taken when it is placed back on the monument. Now that the Eagle is being repaired, the Commission will reach out to

Christoph regarding the restoration of the monument itself. Chairman Saman will send pictures of the progress to Commissioners and the Bristol Press.

- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” grave site at North Cemetery.
 - The Commission requested that the final payment for Christoph be processed.
- 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. Commissioner Arbesman notified the Commission that the Katherine Gaylord Chapter, DAR is planning a Fall Cleanup Day at Lewis Street Cemetery on Sunday October 22, 2023 form 1-3pm and all volunteers are welcome to join. Council Member Panioto will ask the Public Works Department to stop by and pick up any brush that is left from the cleanup.

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

None.

7. Adjournment.

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

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman