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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission

Monday – May 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

1. Call to Order
2. Public Participation
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - April 13, 2026 – Regular Meeting
4. Old Business
 - Lewis Street Cemetery Flood Light – Repaired After Two Years
5. New Business
 - United Way Day or Caring – April 24, 2026
 - Lewis Street Cemetery Tour – April 25, 2026
 - Current Cemetery Commission Finance Discussion
 - Cemetery 2026 Budget Discussion
 - Lawn Care Contract Update/Discussion
 - Update on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery (Part of the 2026 Budget).
 - Look for Grants to finish Civil War Monument (Part of the 2026 Budget).
 - 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 (Part of the 2026 Budget).
6. Any other business proper to come before the meeting
7. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman

Chairman

Committee Members

Town & City Clerk

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday April 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman
Commissioner Linda Arbesman
Commissioner Maya Bringe

ABSENT: Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski
Mayor Ellen Zoppo Sassu

- **Call to Order**

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

- **Public Participation**

None.

- **Approval of the Minutes**

- **December 8, 2025 – Regular Meeting**
- **March 9, 2026 – Regular Meeting**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bringe to accept the December 8, 2025 & March 9, 2026 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.
All in favor; motion passed

- **Old Business by Commissioners**

Lewis Street Cemetery Flood Light – The light has been fixed.

- **New Business by Commissioners**

- United Way Day of Caring – April 24, 2026
 - The date has been changed to May 20th (rain date May 2nd). Three of the four schools from last year's Day of Caring event will be returning this year. The Commission will have students clean stones and collect broken pieces so the Commission can have Christoph repair them.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bringe to authorize Chairman Saman to purchase two (2) five-gallon containers of D2 Cleaner and two (2) 4 x 8 sheets of pressure treated plywood for the 2026 Day of Caring event.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.
All in favor; motion passed

- Lewis Street Cemetery Tour – April 25, 2026

- This event will be held on April 25th from 1-4pm. There will be volunteers from DAR and the Bristol Historical Society. The tour will feature approximately 25 sites and Commissioner Bringe has contacted Garrett Printing for the brochures. The suggested donation amount for the tour is \$10/person.
- Current Cemetery Finance Discussion
 - Chairman Saman reviewed the balances of the Profession Fees, Repairs & Maintenance, and Pardee Trust accounts.
- Cemetery 2026 Budget Discussion
 - There are no updates at this time. The Mayor is still in discussions with West Cemetery.
- Lawn Care Contract Update/Discussion
 - There are no updates at this time. Chairman Saman found a company who would be willing to do the lawn care/brush cleanup.
- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery (Part of the 2026 Budget)
- Look for Grants to finish Civil War Monument (Part of the 2026 Budget)
 - No updates.
- 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.
 - Chairman Saman is looking for funds to start the QR Code project at North Cemetery. Commissioner Bringe suggested that the Commission apply for a Thomaston Savings Bank grant. The total price for the project will depend on whether the codes are linked to audio or text, and if additional languages are added. Chairman Saman estimates the project will cost around \$2500.
- **Any other business proper to come before the meeting.**

None.

- **Adjournment.**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Bringe.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman