

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission  
Monday December 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.  
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Nicole LaPorte  
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski

**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 Arbesman to accept the November 14, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.  
All in favor; motion passed

**4. Old Business by Commissioners**

- Grave stones in Mine Brook - Pending
  - No updates.
- Vandalism at one of Bristol's Historic Cemeteries Downs - Pending
  - Chairman Saman spoke with Roger Rousseau from the Purchasing Department and Ray Rogozinski from Public Works about the fence and possibly installing cameras. The Commission discussed installing a solar powered motion detection light for increased security.

**5. New Business by Commissioners**

- Approval of the 2023 Meeting Calendar.

MOTION: Made by Chairman Saman to approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar with the edit that the March 2023 meeting be changed to Monday, March 6, 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.  
All in favor, motion passed

- Received the OK to do a Lantern Tour in 2023

- Chairman Saman attended the recent West Cemetery Board meeting and stated that the Commission is interested in holding the Lantern Tour in 2023. The West Cemetery Board approved.
- Wreaths Across America – Date is Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at Lewis Street Cemetery @ 12 Noon.
  - Commissioner Arbesman provided a brief overview of the itinerary for the event. The Bristol Press was contacted but the DAR has not heard back yet.
- Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
  - Chairman Saman received in invitation to speak with the Mayor regarding the repairs to the monument. Council Member Panioto stated that they are waiting to hear from an outside council to see if any ARPA funds can be used for the repair.
- Lawn Maintenance at the four Historic Grace areas in Bristol.
  - Chairman Saman spoke with Roger Rousseau about the lawn maintenance contracts.
- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” grave site at North Cemetery.
  - Chairman Saman spoke with Christoph and notified him of the payment that was approved at the last meeting.
- Working on software for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
  - Chairman Saman is hoping to have the software completed before the Commission meets in March 2023.
- QR Codes on selected cemetery stones.
  - No updates.
- 2023 Symposium
  - The tentative date for the Symposium is March 11, 2023 from 10am-3pm. Commissioner Thomas LaPorte has contacted Library staff and they will be able to tour the space for the symposium prior to the event. Chairman Saman and Commissioner Thomas LaPorte would like to meet with Ruth Brown in person to nail down the details.

**6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting**

None

**7. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Arbesman.

**Motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman