

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday April 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman
Commissioner Linda Arbesman
Commissioner Nicole Laporte
Commissioner Thomas Laporte
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski
Council Member Panioto

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to accept the March 14, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Laporte.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

- Grave stones in Mine Brook.
 - No updates.
- Wreaths Across America
 - The Wreaths across America event is scheduled for 12 pm on December 17, 2022 at the Lewis Street Cemetery. So far, 36 wreaths have been sold and the DAR is starting a fundraising campaign on May 1st. Wreaths will be \$15 each. Three veterans have already agreed to attend the event and the church next to the cemetery has offered their parking lot.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Continue the discussion of the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
 - A packet was sent out to the Commission regarding the Civil War Monument repairs that were discussed at the last meeting. There are no updates from Matt Warshauer. Chairman Saman sent Mr. Warshauer

a significant amount of information on West Cemetery. The Commission discussed grant funding and will continue the discussion when an itemized list is received.

- Pepin Steel work to be done at North Cemetery-discuss cost-work order change pending.
 - Chairman Saman spoke to Pepin Steel looking for an update on the project. The Commission discussed looking elsewhere for repair work. Chairman Saman also mentioned that there is now a stone falling on the fence that will have to be addressed. The Commission will reach out to Christoph to see if he could repair the fence.
- Work on software program for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
 - No updates. Chairman Saman is working on WWII Veterans.
- QR Codes on selected Cemetery Stones.
 - No updates.
- Lantern Tour at West Cemetery.
 - Commissioners discussed possible dates for the Lantern Tour (first or second week of October). The tours will take place at West Cemetery and will utilize the roadway for safety. In the past, actors have been volunteers from the Bristol Historical Society. The Commission plans to include about eight gravesites and information on those grave sites will be taken from the press and various publications. Commissioner Nicole Laporte offered to review the existing scripts and cross reference them for historical accuracy. The tours will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

Commissioner Nicole Laporte left the meeting at 5:57pm.

- United Way – Day of Caring.
 - The United Way Day of Caring is scheduled for May. West Cemetery needs headstones to be cleaned. United Way has spending restrictions, but the Commission may be able to use some of their funds to help with buying the cleaning materials.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

- The Commission discussed the implications of placing West Cemetery on the Historic State Register.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman