

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday March 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman
Commissioner Linda Arbesman (Zoom)
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski
Council Member Panioto

ABSENT: Commissioner Nicole LaPorte

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of December 11, 2023 Minutes – Regular Meeting

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

Seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski.
All in favor; motion passed

4. Approval of December 18, 2023 Minutes – Special Meeting

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the December 18, 2023 meeting minutes as written.

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

5. Old Business by Commissioners

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

6. New Business by Commissioners

- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
 - Chairman Saman provided a status update on the Eagle. Christoph anticipates that the Eagle will be finished in April and they should be able to reinstall it on the monument around June. Christoph already received his first payment and will be sending a bill next month for \$11,000. Chairman Saman also provided the Commission with an estimate for the monument repairs. The total for the estimate is \$50,600 and Christoph would require a \$17,000 down payment.

- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” grave site at North Cemetery.
 - 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.
 - No updates.
- Review Lawn Care Contract
 - There is nothing in the current contract that addresses brush cleanup. Commissioner Thomas LaPorte suggested that they reach out to United Way so a cemetery cleanup could be included in the Day of Caring event. The tree is still up at the Lewis St Cemetery. Council Member Panioto will reach out to Roger and Ray regarding the lawn care contract and the tree.
- Look for Grants to finish Civil War Monument
 - Tom Conlin gave Council Member Panioto the contact information for the person at Travelers who is in charge of Corporate Giving. He will put everything together and give them a call. Chairman Saman will send everyone an electronic copy of the Eagle picture and the monument quote. He will also reach out to the Main St Community Foundation regarding donations. The Commission will also reach out to the Bristol Press for publicity.

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

None.

8. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman