

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday May 13, 2024 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 Stanley Piotrowski
Council Member Panioto (Zoom)

ABSENT: None

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of April 8, 2024 Minutes – Regular Meeting

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the April 8, 2024 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

None.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
 - Christoph has requested the next \$11,000 payment. Sebastian will coordinate with the Mayor to see where the eagle should be placed while the monument is being repaired. Christoph is ready to move the eagle whenever the City makes a decision. Commissioners discussed concerns about having it temporarily placed in City Hall.
- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” grave site at North Cemetery.
 - No updates. The project is complete and this item can be removed from the agenda.
- 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

- Roger Rousseau and Corporation Counsel are reviewing the history of the current contract with West Cemetery. The Commission discussed possibly dividing the contract to cover cemetery maintenance and records keeping separately. They would like to have a representative from West Cemetery come to a future meeting and answer some questions/ provide a breakdown of where the \$80k annual payments are being spent.
- Look for Grants to finish Civil War Monument
 - Council Member Panioto received a response from the Travelers Corporate Citizens Department that they unfortunately will not be able to contribute to the Civil War Monument repairs. They are currently only supporting projects in the City of Hartford. Chairman Saman had reached out to the Main Street Community Foundation and they will look into funding opportunities. Possibly through existing Civil War groups or private donations.

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

Chairman Saman asked commissioners to think of and bring forward any other projects the Cemetery Commission could work on.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman