

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday May 9, 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
Council Member Panioto

ABSENT: Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski – Excused

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas Laporte to accept the April 11, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Commissioner Nicole Laporte asked that the minutes reflect first names for Commissioners with the same last name.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

- Grave stones in Mine Brook.
 - No updates.
- Wreaths Across America – Saturday December 17, 2022
 - Commissioner Arbesman provided the Commission with an informational printout on the Wreaths Across America event. The cost for each wreath is \$15 and so far 36 wreaths have been sold. Several dates have been set to fundraise at the Bristol Farmer's Market.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Continue the discussion of the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
 - There is no update as of right now but Chairman Saman will reach out to Matt Warshauer and expects to hear something by next meeting. The Commission discussed grants and funding for the project. The Commission also discussed the possibility of making a replica eagle instead of spending all of the money on repairing the existing eagle.

- Pepin Steel cancelled out of working on the fence at North Cemetery – The two gravestones are now leaning over inside the fence.
 - Chairman Saman informed the Commission that Pepin Steel will not be repairing the fence and he reached out to Christoph to see if he was available to perform the work. Christoph offered to perform the repair work on the fence and also sent a quote for the repair of the marble tablet and repair of the broken base. The quote came to \$600.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas Laporte to approve the quote from Schall & Staub Enterprises for repairs at Lewis Street Cemetery totaling \$600.

Seconded by Commissioner Nicole Laporte.
All in favor; motion passed

- Work on software program for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
 - No updates. Chairman Saman is still working on the project and would like to start visiting the cemeteries as a Commission to verify the information.
- QR Codes on selected Cemetery Stones.
 - Chairman Saman provided a brief overview of the QR code project for newer Commission members. Commissioners discussed the different placement options of the QR codes (i.e. on the monument, standing next to the monument, via GPS, etc.)
- Lantern Tour at West Cemetery.
 - Commissioners began planning the 2022 Lantern Tours. The discussion included dates, CERT team needs, which people/ gravesites would be spotlighted, volunteers/actors, and entry costs. Commissioner Nicole Laporte asked for past scripts and is willing to reach out to find actors and hold auditions. The Commission discussed having several meetings at BHS and the West Cemetery Chapel to prepare for the tour. They also discussed possibly putting short biographies for each gravesite from the tour on the website so people can look back and remember the tour. There will be a meeting to further discuss the Lantern Tour at 6:00pm on June 2, 2022 at the Bristol Historical Society.

Council Member Panioto left the meeting at 6:36 pm.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

- Chairman asked Commissioners for their contact information so he can relay it to the Mayor's office.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas Laporte to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman