

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday July 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
Council Member Panioto
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte to accept the June 13, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

- Grave stones in Mine Brook.
 - No updates.
- Wreaths Across America – Saturday December 17, 2022
 - No updates.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Lantern Tour at West Cemetery. We have reserved 4 dates at the Barnes Chapel. We have reserved Sept 30, Oct 1, 8, 9. We have set 'rain dates'. This will still keep up in the Mum Festival event calendar.
 - Maya Bringe, of the Bristol Historical Society, provided an update on the plans for the Lantern Tours and will be providing a write up for the Bristol Press. There will be two nights of tours and rain dates scheduled. Tickets will be sold for \$10 per person and the Historic Society can promote the Lantern Tours on their website/social media platforms. Accessible tours will be available around 6pm and CERT will be there for assistance. There will be three guides and approximately seven characters. The Commission briefly discussed the logistics of paying the actors and how the profits will be used.

- Continue the discussion of the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register.
 - Matt Warshauer from CCSU provided Chairman Saman a quote for several components of the Civil War Monument restoration project. The Commission reviewed the costs and discussed the next steps that should be taken to get the project going and to apply for the State Historic Register. Mr. Warshauer will be invited to attend the next meeting to answer any questions.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to begin the application for getting West Cemetery on the State Historic Register.

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

All in favor; motion passed

- Vandalism at one of Bristol's Historic Cemeteries – Downs.
 - Commissioner LaPorte received a quote from Eagle Fence to repair the damaged fence at Downs Cemetery totaling \$1,250. Chairman Saman also receive a quote from Christoph regarding the damaged stones which totaled \$12,750. Council Member Panioto reached out to Corporation Council and it was determined that the damage would not be covered under the City's insurance policy. A report has been filed with the Police Department and the Commission is looking into having an article written in the Bristol Press. The Commission also discussed having cameras installed.

Commissioner Piotrowski left the meeting at 6:34 pm.

- Lawn Maintenance at the four Historic Grave areas in Bristol.
 - The Commission was told that lawn maintenance is performed every two weeks (every other Friday). Council Member Panioto will reach out to Roger Rousseau to discuss the issue. The Commission also suggested scheduling a date to go to Lewis Street Cemetery to lift stones, trim trees, etc.

Commissioner Nicole LaPorte left the meeting at 6:38 pm.

- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the "Iron Fence" gravesite at North Cemetery.
 - No update.
- Work on Software for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
 - No update.
- QR Codes on selected cemetery stones.
 - No Updates.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

None.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman