

Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday November 4, 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 Sebastian Panioto

ABSENT: None

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of October 7, 2024 Minutes – Regular Meeting

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to accept the October 7, 2024 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner LaPorte.
All in favor; motion passed

4. Approval of the 2025 Cemetery Commission Meeting Calendar.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to approve the 2025 meeting calendar as written.

Seconded by Commissioner LaPorte.
All in favor; motion passed

5. Old Business by Commissioners

None.

6. New Business by Commissioners

- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs.
- Look for Grants to finish Civil War Monument
 - The Commission discussed different avenues of funding for the monument repairs. Historical grant funds are out of funds until 2026. The Commission may need to apply for the monument to be on the Historic Register.

- 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 \$2000 available in grant money for lawncare/maintenance at North Cemetery. Chairman Saman recommended that the Commission act soon to capitalize on the good weather and Commissioner Arbesman suggested securing quotes prior to the next meeting in case the Commission needed to take any votes. The Commission also discussed repairs for recent vandalism incidents. Council Member Panioto noted the gravestone damage but stated that grant funds could not be used for these repairs.
- Wreaths Across America – Saturday December 14, 2024
 - The event is still scheduled for Saturday December 14, 2024.

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

The Commission may cancel the December 9, 2024 meeting and early 2025 meetings if there is no pressing business.

8. Adjournment.

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

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman