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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission

Monday – July 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

1. Call to Order
2. Public Participation
3. Approval of June 9, 2025 Minutes – Regular Meeting
4. Old Business by commissioners
5. New Business by commissioners
 - Update on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery.
 - Look for Grants to finish Civil War Monument.
 - 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.
 - Review Lawn Care Contract.
6. Any other business proper to come before the meeting
7. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman

Chairman

Committee Members

Town & City Clerk

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Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday June 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman
Commissioner Linda Arbesman
Commissioner Maya Bringe
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte
Council Member Sebastian Panioto

ABSENT: Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski (excused)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of May 12, 2025 Minutes – Regular Meeting

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bringe to accept the May 12, 2025 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

United Way Day of Caring – Four local schools volunteered to clean up the Lewis Street Cemetery during the United Way Day of Caring. There were approximately 110 students and staff and the event went very well. Chairman Saman will submit the receipts for reimbursement.

Commissioner Bringe updated the Commission on the self-guided tours through West Cemetery. Booklets are being made for the tour which also includes information on the history of West Cemetery as well as the Chapel and Civil War Monument. Council Member Panioto will look into the policies/procedures to account for the ticket sales.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Updates on the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs.
- Look for Grants to finish Civil War Monument
 - 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
 - Chairman Saman is meeting with the Mayor and West Cemetery regarding the lawn care contract and the recordkeeping. Chairman Saman also spoke with Christoph about several stones in North Cemetery that need repair. He will look into how much is left in the account.

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

Lantern Tours – The 2025 Lantern Tours are tentatively scheduled for October 3rd & 4th with a rain date of October 5th.

Wreaths Across America – The 2025 event is scheduled for December 13, 2025 at noon. DAR plans to sell wreaths at the Farmers Markets and Commissioner Arbesman will bring flyers to a future meeting. Depending on how many wreaths are sold, they may extend the event to Downs Street Cemetery.

7. 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