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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission

Monday – August 11, 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 July 14, 2025 Minutes – Regular Meeting
4. Old Business by commissioners
 - Lantern Tours – Scheduled for October 3rd & 4th (Rain date October 5th)
 - Wreaths Across America – Scheduled for December 13th
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 July 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
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ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman
Commissioner Linda Arbesman
Commissioner Maya Bringe
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte
Council Member Sebastian Panioto (Zoom)
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski

ABSENT: None

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of June 9, 2025 Minutes – Regular Meeting

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the June 9, 2025 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner LaPorte.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

Lantern Tours - This event will be added as a monthly agenda item. The tours are currently scheduled for October 3rd and 4th with a rain date of October 5th.

Wreaths Across America – This event will be added as a monthly agenda item. It is currently scheduled for December 13, 2025 at noon. Commissioner Arbesman will bring flyers to the next meeting for people to purchase wreaths for the event.

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 and Council Member Panioto met with the Mayor and several members of the West Cemetery Association to discuss the lawn care contract. The West Cemetery Association briefed the City on their financial situation and the two parties discussed the idea of including the West Cemetery under the Cemetery Commission's purview. The City requested a copy of the West Cemetery's financial statements and historical records and is waiting to hear back.

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

Chairman Saman notified the Commission of lighting issues at several cemeteries. At North Cemetery, one of the lights is completely out and another is shining directly at a tree. He has been in contact with the City regarding the issue. At Downs St Cemetery, Chairman Saman spoke with Raymond Rogozinski regarding the possibility of installing a motion censored light in that cemetery due to the recent vandalism incidents.

The Commission discussed various repairs that are needed at the cemeteries and Chairman Saman will look into what is left in the accounts. He is also looking into the state grant designated for repairs to stone walls and fences and trying to find out why the City did not receive anything this year.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman