

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday September 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman
Commissioner Nicole LaPorte
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte
Council Member Panioto
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski

ABSENT: Commissioner Linda Arbesman

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the August 8, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

- Grave stones in Mine Brook.
 - No updates.
- Wreaths Across America – Date is Saturday December 17, 2022 at the Lewis Street Cemetery @ 12 Noon.
 - No updates.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Lantern Tour at West Cemetery. Sept 30, Oct 1, and Oct 2nd is a rain date.
 - Commissioner Nikki LaPorte provided the Commission with a brief update on the Lantern Tour planning. The Commission discussed the dates/schedule. Next steps are meeting with the actors, going over scripts, and scheduling rehearsals. Ticket sales have started through the Bristol Historical Society. Tickets are \$10 each.
- Continue the discussion of the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register. Latest Board of Finance input.
 - Chairman Saman and Council Member Panioto updated the Commission on the recent meeting with the Board of Finance. It seems that the Board of Finance is on board with the restoration of the monument. The Board of Finance was presented with the quotes to restore the monument and they asked that the

Cemetery Commission reach out to some more verified vendors with the state to do the work before moving forward with Christoph.

- Vandalism at one of Bristol's Historic Cemeteries – Downs.
 - No updates. The Public Works Department was supposed to fix the fence and cut down the tree. Chairman Saman will go out and check the work.
- Lawn Maintenance at the four Historic Grave areas in Bristol.
 - No updates.
- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the "Iron Fence" gravesite at North Cemetery.
 - The fence should be completed and up by the October Cemetery Commission meeting.
- Work on Software for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
 - No updates.
- QR Codes on selected cemetery stones.
 - No updates.
- Working with Ruth Brown on a Spring 2023 Symposium.
 - The Commission is hoping to host a symposium with Ruth Brown. Once the Commission decides on a date Commissioner Thomas LaPorte will reach out to the Library to schedule a date.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

None

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman