

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday October 3, 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:

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 September 12, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski.
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.
 - There will be a tent at the October 8th Bristol Farmer's Market for fundraising.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Results of the Lantern Tour at West Cemetery.
 - Commissioner Nikki LaPorte provided the Commission with a brief overview of the Lantern Tour. Friday's ticket sales totaled \$1050 and Sunday's ticket sales totaled \$736. Additionally, \$105 was raised for the Civil War Monument Restoration. The Commission reflected on the feedback from the Lantern Tours and discussed the needs for next year. Commissioner Nicole LaPorte recognized the CERT team for all of their help and is planning an informal celebration event with the cast members.
- Continue the discussion of the Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs. State Historic Register. Latest Board of Finance input from John E. Smith.

- There is no update from the Board of Finance. Chairman Saman spoke with BOF Chairman Smith and stated that the BOF would not exceed the prices quoted by Christoph. The Commission briefly discussed the overall project as well as costs and vendors. The Commission would like to at least take the eagle down this month and the base can be worked on next year.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte to have Commissioner Piotrowski open a savings account at Thomaston Savings Bank for the purpose of collecting funds for the restoration of the Civil War Monument.”

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas LaPorte.

All in favor; motion passed

- Vandalism at one of Bristol’s Historic Cemeteries – Downs.
 - No updates. DAR will be at the cemetery on Sunday October 9th to clean some of the Revolutionary War stones in the north section of the cemetery.
- Lawn Maintenance at the four Historic Grave areas in Bristol.
 - The Lewis Street Cemetery appears to have been mowed recently. No updates on other cemeteries.
- Schall & Staub Enterprises working on the “Iron Fence” gravesite at North Cemetery.
 - No updates.
- 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.
 - Chairman Saman has not heard back from Ruth and will coordinate a 2023 date with her so that Commissioner Thomas LaPorte can schedule a date with the Bristol Public Library.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

None

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Nicole LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman