

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
With Zoom Access
Monday July 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski
Commissioner Linda Arbesman
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte

ABSENT:
Council Member Brittany Barney

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Arbesman to accept the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner LaPorte.
All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

Commissioner Piotrowski joined the meeting at 5:59 pm

- Where are the found grave stones (Mine Brook) being stored? Do next?
 - Someone will be reaching out to Steve Vastola and ask his to bring the broken stones to Chairman Saman's house. Once they are there, the Commission will try to determine where the stones belong.
- Cost to fix the fence at South Cemetery.
 - The Commission received a quote from Eagle Fence to repair the fence at South Cemetery. Approximately fifteen feet of fence needs to be removed and replaced with a four foot fence. The original quote came to \$1,802.63 and included tax. The pre-tax quote amount is \$1,695.00.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to approve the pre-tax amount of the Eagle Fence quote and move forward with repairs.

Seconded by Commissioner LaPorte.
All in favor; motion passed

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Latest Action on the Sarah Norton Pardee Trust.
 - Of the nine stones that need to be maintained per the agreement, two stones are located in Plymouth, CT. The Commission has decided to allocate \$3,600.00 to maintain the stones in Plymouth and the remaining \$12,681.21 will be used for the stones in Bristol. The Commission will be reaching out to the Mayor of Terryville to see who is responsible for cemetery maintenance where the Pardee stones are located. The Commission also decided that the funds will be maintained by Bristol and will be dispersed to Plymouth once they provided sufficient documentation for any work done on the stones.
- Discussions with Christoph Henning on the Lewis Street Cemetery.
 - No update. Christoph is still working on the monument.
- Pepin Steel work to be done.
 - Chairman Saman has been working on the landscaping around the fence. The Commission received a state grant and will use the grant money towards the repairs. There needs to be a bill received before the Commission can request the money from the state.
- QR Codes on selected cemetery stones.
 - Dawn Nielson of the Economic and Community Development department notified Council Member Barney that the All Heart Website does not have the capacity to store the information needed for the QR codes. The Commission discussed the option of having a general website available with the information that would have been included with the QR codes. The Commission also discussed looking into other similar websites that have already been established. If the information already exists on other websites it would save the Commission from doing any repetitive work regarding this project.
- State Grant
- Thomaston Savings Bank Grant
 - No update.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

Chairman Saman was notified of a stone being found on private property in Burlington, CT. The stone belongs in the Green Lady Cemetery. Chairman Saman has been in contact with the town historian regarding the matter. Commissioner Arbesman suggested that someone from the Commission reach out to the Director of Parks & Recreation in Burlington because they may be responsible for cemetery maintenance. The Commission would like a guarantee that the stone will be secured because that particular cemetery is prone to vandalism and it will be the tallest stone there.

Chairman Saman introduced the idea of having a symposium including stone carvers, gravers, history of graves, etc. at the Bristol Library this summer. Chairman Saman will be reaching out to Debbie and/or Scott to see about booking the rooms.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman

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