

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
With Zoom Access
Monday April 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
Commissioner Deanne Levesque

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the March 8, 2021 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

Mine Brook gravestones:

Council Member Barney asked if the stone were on private property. Chairman Saman will be reaching out to Steve Vastola to see exactly where the stones are located. Once they have been removed from the water, Chairman Saman will try to locate where the stones belong.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Latest Action on the Sarah Norton Pardee Trust

The Cemetery Commission, Main Street Community Foundation, and HRA received their checks pertaining to the Sarah Norton Pardee Trust. The specific amounts are outlined in the agreement between the Cemetery Commission and the Main Street Community Foundation. The Pardee stones are in reasonably good condition and if they do not need regular repair, the funds can be used for regular maintenance of historical/ architectural significance. The Cemetery Commission will have to decide how much of the funds should be allocated to the stones that are located in Plymouth.

Motion made by Commissioner Piotrowski to accept the fund agreement between the Bristol Cemetery Commission and the Main Street Community Foundation.

Seconded by Commissioner LaPorte.
All in favor, motion passed.

- Discussions with Christoph Henning on Lewis Street Cemetery

Chairman Saman received an email from Christoph indicating that he is working on the stones. He was able to get the sides and the top off. He has not sent any invoices yet.

- Discussions of the Pepin Steel Quote (winter storage)

There is no update, they have not started the work yet.

- QR Codes on selected cemetery stones

The commission may look to work with people who have relatives buried in the cemeteries that have been suggested for the QR Codes. These relatives may be able to assist with writing bios for their family members.

- Day of Caring

United Way asked the Cemetery Commission if they would like to host any outdoor activities for the Day of Caring on May 14th. Due to the pandemic, the commission decided that they will not be participating this year.

- Meet at North Cemetery

The Cemetery Commission is looking to meet at North Cemetery and the East Church Cemetery in Terryville May 1, 2021 (Rain date May 15th).

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

A resident has contacted several commission members looking for information regarding lots in Downs Cemetery. The commission does not have the information she is looking for but it may be in the state library's records. Chairman Saman will call her and point her in that direction.

Thomaston Savings Bank is accepting Grant Applications through 4/30/2021. That may be a good opportunity for the commission to apply for anything they might need including stone markers, a new/repaired fence in the North Cemetery, etc.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman