

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday, June 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman,
Commissioner Thomas LaPorte,
Commissioner Deanne Leveque

ABSENT: City Council Liaison, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Commissioner Linda Arbesman
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

A South-West Bristol Resident approached the Commissioners regarding the Peacedale Cemetery. It pertained to the lack of maintenance at the Peacedale Cemetery. This Bristol Resident stated that he met with Jim Morrell (Caretaker) at the cemetery and was informed not to touch a thing. His complaint was that there are many dead trees and it's not maintained properly. Flags get removed from the flat cemeteries. The Commission informed the man that West Cemetery owns Peacedale Cemetery and this Bristol Cemetery Commission has no connections with West Cemetery and the Peacedale Cemetery. Commissioner Saman will contact the West Cemetery Association and relay the message to them. From this, they can contact this South-West Bristol Resident and obtain more information. A copy of these minutes will be forward to the West Cemetery Association.

Note: This Bristol Resident was contacted by phone on the evening of 7-8-2019 and gave permission to use his name and address, James DeLano of 141 Old Wolcott Road.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Levesque to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner LaPorte.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business by Commissioners

Lisa Wilson stated that she talked to Attorney Lacey and he reached out to Judge Dorval. Judge Dorval did not make a definite determination and has 90 days to make a final decision. Attorney Lacey will need to approach Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu which will then be brought to the City Council.

Emmanuel Omokaro of ESPN was acknowledged for this outstanding volunteer services within the community. He was the leader this year from ESPN that helped us clean the South Cemetery as part of the Day Of Caring. They helped clean 70% of the stones and up-righted many tilted ones.

Commissioner Saman needs to know what funds are available in the accounts as he wants to purchase more D/2. Commissioner Saman stated that ESPN would like to volunteer on a Wednesday to clean the balance of the stones. Unfortunately the Cemetery Commission will have to pass up on the additional services from ESPN. Commissioner Saman will investigate how much money is available for D/2 and if ESPN was willing to modify the date.

Commissioner Saman would like to take pictures of the top 12 stones (Lewis Street Cemetery) that requires repairs. Commissioner LaPorte would like to ask Christoff for contractor recommendations to obtain pricing on the iron fencing and on the stones.

Commissioner Saman would like to initiate an "Adopt- A- Stone" Program. More info to follow.....

Commissioner Saman would like to set up a meeting on June 23rd at 1 p.m. at the North Cemetery to pick out 12 stones requiring attention. Commissioner Saman will send an email to all Commissioners.

5. New Business by Commissioners

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

7. Adjournment.

Motion made by Commissioner LaPorte to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Levesque.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman