



# The Commissioners of the Cemeteries

The North and East Burial Grounds Commission

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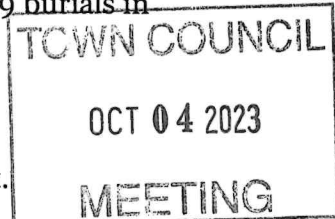
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## MINUTES

The meeting of Wednesday, April 12, 2023 was held at The Chapel at North Burial Ground at 1081 Hope Street, Bristol, Rhode Island. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Cavalconte at 6:14 PM. Present were Chairman Charles Cavalconte, Commissioner Susan Church, Commissioner Ed Caruci, Commissioner Kathy Moran, Alternate Josh Cabral, Superintendent Enzly Ramsay, Lily Ramsay and Recording Secretary Carol Gafford. Commissioner Jim Riccio was excused.

The Commission did a walking review of the West side of the Burial Ground to discuss future development. A motion was made by E. Carusi and seconded by K. Moran to approve funds for Steve Murgio to do a survey for expansion of the road. All approved.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**
2. **A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE:** for our dead and their families
3. **REVIEW & APPROVAL:** Minutes for March 8 meeting were approved with a motion from S. Church, seconded by E. Carusi and approved by all.
4. **REVIEW:** Monthly Census of Cemetery Use and Sales Income. There were 9 burials in March, 54 year to date.
5. **REVIEW:** Monthly Expenses and Invoices for March 2023 were reviewed.
6. **UPDATE:** The Commission discussed the Hope St. Wall Restoration project.
7. **UPDATE:** Gravestone Repair will resume for the season. There has already been \$25,000 worth of restoration work completed,
8. **UPDATE STATUS REVIEW:** Proposed completion date and training for data transfer from NBG cards to CemeteryFind is not completed as yet. They are still reviewing records.
9. **REVIEW:** Invoice from the DPW for repaving North and South Roads remains pending.
10. **UPDATE | STATUS PROJECTS at THE CREMATION GARDEN (CG):** All projects suspended Pro Temp in light of North Burial Ground westerly expansion.
11. **UPDATE | STATUS PROJECTS at THE NORTH BURIAL GROUND:** Warren Monument carving of Gate 4 still remains pending. Calls will be placed to Warren Monument. Work on the perimeter stone wall and repair of the white washed wall has resumed. Installation of NW corner survey marker pending. Enzly has the dog signs and will replace them. Discussion continues on trees along south wall/Asylum Road.
12. **UPDATE | STATUS REVIEW:** A quote was received by Ned Miller of \$126,000 to have the iron gates repaired at the East Burial Ground. C. Gafford will talk with the Historical Society Director about possible grants for this. There was further discussion on an Interfaith Service, Veterans Day



events and other programs at the cemeteries.

13. **UPDATE | STATUS REVIEW:** No grass cutting until Memorial Day in order to attract pollinators to both North and East Burial Grounds (Wood St.). There was a letter to the editor of the Bristol Phoenix regarding this. The No Mow May signs are in. This is a work in progress.
14. **DISCUSSION |REVIEW|BUDGET:** Pricing for the Right to Burial and cemetery services for both Full Body Burials and Cremations and associated Operational Expenses has been tabled.
15. **ONGOING:** Reminder to our families that US Flags are available for the graves of veterans at the NBG's Superintendent's Office or from the Bristol Council of Veterans.
16. **UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2022-23:** The Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM the Chapel at North Burial Ground: 2023: 5/10; 6/14; 7/12; 8/9; 9/13; 10/11; 11/8; 12/13.

**NEW TOPICS and PROJECTS:**

Subcommittee for Cemetery Events.

Hope St. Wall restoration project and article in Bristol Phoenix on April 6, 2023

Chairman Cavalconte entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner S. Church and seconded by Commissioner K. Moran. The Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM. Next meeting May 10, 2023

~Respectfully Submitted and Approved for Record

Wednesday May 24, 2023

Carol Gafford, Recording Secretary