

The Commissioners of the Cemeteries

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The meeting of Wednesday, May 11, 2022 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 6:01 PM. Present were Chairman Charles Cavalconte, Commissioner Susan Church, and Commissioner Kathy Moran. Commissioner Jim Riccio Superintendent Enzly Ramsay and recording secretary Carol Gafford.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

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2. A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE for our dead and their families

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- 3. **REVIEW & APPROVAL:** Minutes of April 13 meeting were approved by a motion from E. Carusi and seconded by S. Church and accepted by all.
- 4. **REVIEW:** Monthly Census of Cemetery Use and Sales Income: April sales were discussed. Sales for April include 4 Standard Burials, 1 Cremation Burial, 4 Cremation Garden Burials, 4 Traditional Lot Sales, 8 Traditional Grave Sales, 2 Cremation Garden Lot Sales, and 8 Cremation Garden Grave Sales.
- 5. **REVIEW:** Monthly Expenses and Invoices for April were reviewed.
- 6. **UPDATE:** Superintendent Ramsay continues to work on a plan for stone restoration.
- 7. **UPDATE:** There is no further action regarding new roads and working with the DPW. Some of the North and South roads are messy. It will cost approximately \$60,000 for Chris Parella to fix some roads including Congregational and Kinder and others. This is a work in progress. There is no work on the West side right now. The dirt pile reduction also remains a work in progress.
- 8. **UPDATE** | **STATUS:** Chairman Cavalconte and Superintendent Ramsay will work with Bill Chittick on future tree care at the cemetery.
- 9. **UPDATE** | **STATUS PROJECTS at** <u>THE CREMATION GARDEN</u> (**CG**): Chairman Cavalconte would like to schedule a review of the available space with potential of being developed. The industry is getting back on its feet and Superintendent Ramsay is looking into other companies for bronze niches, benches and repairing the path. This continues to be a Work In Progress.
- 10. **UPDATE** | **STATUS:** NBG 200TH ANNIVERSARY 2022. There will be programs and tours. The Bristol Historical and Preservation Society have events planned including a walk in North Burial Ground with Rei Battcher and other talks at the Society headquarters.
- 11. **UPDATE** | **STATUS:** The Rules and Regulations are done but errors have been found. Superintendent Ramsay will review.

- 12. **UPDATE** | **STATUS:** Chairman Cavalconte is exploring options to whitewashing the Stonewall. Tony and John will tune up the wall for approximately \$120 per hour. This is a Work in Progress.
- 13. **UPDATE** | **STATUS:** Work on Burial Cards and Cemetery Records continues. C. Cavalconte is looking into Cemetery Finder. This program is less expensive and has an easier learning curve. It will cost \$9745 to start. Commissioner J. Riccio made a motion to spend up to \$10,000 to get the computerization of records process started. Seconded by E. Carusi and approved by all.
- 14. **UPDATE:** Superintendent Ramsay is working with Ryan at Warren Monument on entrance stones.
- 15. **CEMETERY EVENTS:** There are several programs coming up including Memorial Day events and a walking tour by Rei Battcher on May 28th along with events at the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society in honor of Preservation Month and RI Cemetery Awareness Month.

Chairman Cavalconte entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner K. Moran and seconded by Commissioner S. Church. The Meeting adjourned at 7:16M

~Respectfully Submitted and Approved for Record Wednesday June 8, 2022 Carol Gafford, Recording Secretary