

## The Commissioners of the Cemeteries

The North and East Burial Grounds Commission
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## **MINUTES**

The meeting of Wednesday, February 8, 2023 was held at The Chapel at North Barial Ground at 1081 Hope Street, Bristol, Rhode Island. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Cavalconte at 6:05 PM. Present were Chairman Charles Cavalconte, Commissioner Susan Church, Commissioner Ed Caruci, Superintendent Enzly Ramsay, and Recording Secretary Carol Gafford. Commissioners Kathy Moran and Jim Riccio were excused. Guest was Josh Cabral and Lily Ramsay.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.
- 2. A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE for our dead and their families
- 3. **REVIEW & APPROVAL:** Minutes for January meeting were approved with a motion from E. Carusi, seconded by S. Church and approved by all.
- 4. **REVIEW:** Monthly Census of Cemetery Use and Sales Income. There were 6 full body burials, 2 cremation burials, 45 year to date. Discussion was had on Perpetual Care Fund. Update is pending.
- 5. **REVIEW:** Monthly Expenses and Invoices for January 2023 were reviewed.
- 6. **UPDATE:** Josh Cabral is now an official alternate.
- 7. **UPDATE:** Gravestone Repair is on hiatus for the winter.
- 8. **UPDATE STATUS REVIEW**: Proposed completion date and training for data transfer from NBG cards to CemeteryFind is February 2023.
- 9. **REVIEW:** Invoice from the DPW for repaying North and South Roads is still pending.
- 10. **UPDATE** | **STATUS PROJECTS at** <u>THE CREMATION GARDEN</u> (CG): All projects suspended Pro Temp in light of North Burial Ground westerly expansion.
- 11. **UPDATE** | **STATUS PROJECTS** at THE NORTH BURAL GROUND: Warren Monument carving of Gate 4 wording remains pending since May 2022. Work on the perimeter stone wall and repair of the white washed wall is suspended during winter. Installation of NW corner survey marker pending. Dog and Waste management signs are still needed. Discussion continues on trees against the North Wall.
- 12. **UPDATE** | **STATUS REVIEW:** There was no update on grant research for the Iron Gate at the EBG. A calendar for 2023 events is in the works and will include walking tours and Holidays, Cemetery Awareness Month, Interfaith Service, Veterans Day and other programs at the cemeteries.
- 13. **UPDATE** | **STATUS REVIEW:** Planning for Spring 2023 continues including no grass cutting and fertilizing (Spring until Memorial Day) in order to attract pollinators to both North and East

Burial Grounds (Wood St.). This is a work in progress.

- 14. **UPDATE** | **STATUS REVIEW:** Pricing for Right to Burial and services for both Full Body Burials and Cremains 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.

## **NEW TOPICS and PROJECTS:**

Pricing of Right to Burial and services for both full body burial and cremation (May requires a separate meeting)

Chairman Cavalconte entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner S. Church and seconded by Alternate J.Cabral. The Meeting adjourned at 7:13PM. Next meeting March 8, 2023

~Respectfully Submitted and Approved for Record Wednesday February 8, 2023 Carol Gafford, Recording Secretary

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