



The Commissioners of the Cemeteries

The North and East Burial Grounds Commission
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MINUTES

The meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 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 6:05 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 Josh Cabral was in attendance.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**
2. **A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE** for our dead and their families
3. **REVIEW & APPROVAL:** Minutes for November and December were approved as amended 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 5 burials, 37 year to date. 2nd and 3rd quarter review of Perpetual Care Fund is pending.
5. **REVIEW:** Monthly Expenses and Invoices for December 2022 were reviewed.
6. **UPDATE:** Gravestone Repair is on hiatus due to weather.
7. **UPDATE STATUS REVIEW:** All is well with CemeteryFind and they will get back to the Commission with updates.
8. **REVIEW:** Invoice from the DPW for repaving North and South Roads is still pending.
9. **REVIEW:** Discussion was held on the pros and cons of having a Friends of North Burial Ground group (non-profit) for grant research and fundraising.
10. **UPDATE | STATUS PROJECTS at THE CREMATION GARDEN (CG):** Superintendent Ramsay is repairing the stone across from the Cremation Garden. Discussion on Committal area continues including placement of stone benches and bronze memorials, road expansion, foot path widening and repair and new surface (including materials) for path. Chairman Cavalconte would like to see plans accomplished by the summer of 2023.
11. **UPDATE | STATUS PROJECTS at THE NORTH BURIAL GROUND:** Warren Monument continues to work on carving a new stone at Gate 4. Work on the perimeter stone wall and repair of the white washed wall is suspended during the winter months. Work continues on tree management, tree plaques' and design, installation of the NW corner marker, and veterans markers. Dog and Waste management signs are still needed. Discussion continues on trees against the North Wall.
12. **UPDATE | STATUS REVIEW:** The Commission continues 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

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13. **UPDATE | STATUS REVIEW:** Planning for Spring 2023 continues including no grass cutting and fertilizing in order to attract pollinators to both North and East Burial Grounds. Chairman Cavalconte will talk with Barry Cohen at Audubon regarding pollinating. This is a work in progress.
14. **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:

Calendar of Events

No Mow May

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 Commissioner E. Carusi. The Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM. Next meeting February 8, 2023

~Respectfully Submitted

Wednesday February 8, 2023

Carol Gafford, Recording Secretary