

FOUNTAIN HILL CEMETARY ASSOCIATION
Deep River Town Hall
January 21, 2013
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Richard Forristall called to order the Committee meeting of the Fountain Hill Cemetery Association at 7:05p.m.
- II. Roll Call:** President Richard Forristall, Vice President Mark Lowrey, Directors: Rhonda Forristall, Jayne Mather, Sue Miron, Martin Nadel, Diane Brooks, and Secretary: Melissa Lowrey
- Absent: Tom Skinner, Kim Olson and Matt Elgart
- III. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of November 19, 2012 meeting were approved as written with the following changes:
Shaun's name is corrected to Shawn.
The two hundred and fifty dollars collected on the Fall Walk are to be specifically marked for the Wooster Chapel.
- IV. Communications**
Season greetings were received from the Middlesex County Community Foundation. They recently donated two hundred and fifty dollars to the Fountain Hill Cemetery Association.
- V. Chairman's Report – Richard Forristall**
Curtis Turner's Eagle Scout Ceremony
Richard and Rhonda Forristall and Mark and Melissa Lowrey attended the ceremony. Curtis spoke of his project, the pet cemetery, and received his award. It was very nice to see.
- Pet Cemetery Plots
Two plots have been sold, the ashes have been buried, the proper paperwork completed and fees collected.
- Paving
Dick Smith, First Selectman, had set up paving with Tomasso Paving Company. They did a small amount and stated they were unable to complete at this time. Dick Smith has another paver in line for the spring.
- Furnace
We had previously had problems with the furnace in the maintenance building. A new part has been installed and the furnace is now working well.
- VI. Financial Statement – Jayne Mather**
Eight months into the year, we are at 66.7% and on track financially. Expenses are on target and sales of lots are on the increase.
- Donations have been coming in and for the Wooster Chapel; we are above sixteen thousand dollars. Dr. Sumner Ziegra just donated a second time. It was noted that, as the largest contributor, he and his family should be kept apprised of progress on the Chapel.

VII. Payment of Bills – no report

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Shawn has finished repairing several chapel benches. They are being stored in the attic of the maintenance building. Some trees have been cut down near the chapel to allow areas for burial and so as not to damage future monuments.

Shawn has requested the front-loading bucket on the backhoe be fitted with a blade instead of teeth. It was discussed that it would not do to replace the teeth as that tool is necessary for some instances but maybe fit something over them.

IX. Committee Reports

Wooster Chapel – Mark Lowrey

The repairs to the roof are holding and the building is watertight. Plans to add power have been mapped out, placing the meter on a pedestal near the road. This can be easily covered with some bushes. Rich has the conduit at the chapel. Shawn would like to hold off until spring on digging the trenches for the line but the Committee thinks he may be very busy by then. Mark and Richard may try to get in some time with Shawn before then to dig the trench. Mark will first speak with Dick Smith (First Selectman) and Dick Leighton (Building Inspector) for specifics on going forward with this.

Shawn called Mark after Dr. Ziegra's most recent donation stating it would be nice to keep him up to date on the chapel. (The committee was in agreement. This is noted under the Financial Report.)

The next phase after installing power is refurbishing the windows. Mark brought one frame of several that he has been working on. He has been in contact with Gary Elliott from CWI, who has offered his expertise in cutting and installing specific patterns for the leaded glass, labor free. The cost for material alone would be approximately \$7,500. Mark is looking to duplicate the colored glass, mixing 15-20% with clear, so as to allow views to the outside.

Martin Nadel suggested offering the window install as a project for the high school. Mark asked him to look into it.

Pet Cemetery

Rich has given brochure information to Whelen advertising. When the brochures have been completed, they will be handed out at veterinary clinics and pet shops.

Town Newsletter

The deadline for submissions is February 15. We will submit information on the pet cemetery, the spring walk and updates on the Wooster Chapel.

X. New Business

Fountains for Fountain Hill

There has been talk of adding a fountain to the cemetery. Fountain Hill Cemetery used to have three and given our name, the committee felt this was appropriate to proceed into acquiring one. It was suggested it be placed in the pond to the left of the entrance, once power has been installed in the chapel. Anyone is welcome to research the various styles and bring to the Committee's attention.

Fill to be Brought In

Fill is to be brought in near the office to level the area off.

A veteran's section is to be added. We are waiting for the Town to bring some clean fill for the area. It is currently very muddy and holding water.

XI. Old Business

Beth Shalom

Martin Nadel has spoken with George Marant at Beth Shalom regarding the expansion to that part of the cemetery. Trees have been cut but there needs to be a survey before removal of the stumps, to ensure they are in the correct place. Once this has been completed, fill will be brought in and the plot area will be expanded.

Spring Walk

Contact has been made with Ruth Shapely Brown, of the CT Gravestone Network. Kathy Schultz, from the Winthrop Cemetery, has spoken to Ms. Shapely Brown about the refurbishing of the chapel. We are planning to invite them to our April 29 spring walk, to show them our cemetery and the progress Mark has made to the chapel. This will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Rhonda will have maps available, highlighting some areas.

Ms. Shapely Brown has also invited us to set up a display at their April 6th symposium in East Hartford.

Tom Skinner

At one time, Tom was considering retirement. Mark suggested he could be very helpful at the chapel. He hasn't been to a recent meeting. Rich will give him a call to see if he has any interest.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Forristall adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Lowrey