

FOUNTAIN HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Deep River Town Hall
November 18, 2013
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Richard Forristall called the meeting to order of the Fountain Hill Cemetery Association at 7:05 p.m.

I. **Roll Call:** Richard Forristall, Mark Lowrey, Jayne Mather, Melissa Lowrey, Rhonda Forristall, Sue Miron, Scott Nelson and Art Thompson
Absent: Matt Elgart, Diane Brooks, Martin Nadel

II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

III. **Communications – no report**

IV. **Chairman’s Report – Richard Forristall**

There were two burials since the Committee last met.

The Superintendent reported to the President he would be out of work for at least one month due to necessary surgery resulting from an accident a few months back. His father has offered to take care of any burials that should occur during his absence. We have also established coverage from a second source if needed. Lot sales are also down at this time so this should not pose a problem.

Rich confirmed with the First Selectman the grounds can be plowed by the town once they have cleared the public roads.

V. **Financial Statement – Jayne Mather**

Jayne reported we are on track for the budget at 50% and in good shape (see attached). She also reported having just received a \$2,000 donation, requesting it be used for the Chapel, as we see fit.

VI. **Superintendent’s Report – Rich Forristall**

We will be finishing the leaf pickup this month. Activity will be slowing down.

Budgeting for Next Year

The zero-turn lawn mower may need tires next year. The rest of the equipment is currently working well.

Superintendent's Surgery

Rich, Mark and Jayne will meet with the Superintendent for specifics and expectations regarding his planned leave of absence. He does have some vacation and sick time left. They will also discuss letting the part time helper go during the winter season.

VII. Committee Reports

Wooster Chapel – Mark Lowrey

New leaded glass and storm windows have been ordered. We can expect delivery in four to six weeks. This past weekend they have begun shellacking the woodwork, starting with the ceilings. It's looking very nice. Jayne stated once the windows and storms are in, she will inform the insurance company to include them for coverage.

At this time, Rich shared a draft poster to be circulated around town with information on the Chapel's progress. Some suggestions were offered and revisions will be made prior to the distribution of the poster.

Mark suggested having an open house in the spring to highlight the progress made and to let the public know next steps. The Committee was in favor of this.

Beth Shalom Section – Martin Nadel

No Report

VIII. Old Business – No Report

New Business

Fall Walk

This event was well attended, with about forty people participating. Two families committed to donations for the windows at \$1,000 each.

Another family traveled from Wisconsin looking for family members. We were able to direct them to the location. They donated \$35.

Ed Richardson joined the walk (he is from Glastonbury). He is a member of the Notable Tree Network. Their purpose is recognizing champion trees. This is established through the measurement of the circumference, height and width of the branches. Ed stated he does not think we have any champion trees but we may have some with notable qualifications. He will be sending someone out to measure.

New Member

Angus McDonald (2nd Selectman) will start attending committee meetings at the start of the new year.

Planting of Tulips

Only a few bulbs were set aside this year. They have been planted in front of the stone wall by the Zigma section. Next year more will be collected for planting.

Historical Society Christmas Tree Event December 6th and 7th

The Historical Society is inviting local groups to participate in a tree-decorating event to showcase their organizations. We will be decorating a tree to bring attention to our Pet Cemetery. Rich will cut down a tree from the cemetery for decoration. Awards will be

presented on Saturday, December 7th.

Newsletter

The Fall Winter Newsletter will be coming out prior to the Winter Stroll (December 6th) and will include Mark's letter about the Chapel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Forristall adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Lowrey, Secretary