

FOUNTAIN HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Deep River Town Hall
August 18, 2014
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Richard Forristall called the meeting to order of the Fountain Hill Cemetery Association at 7:09 p.m.

I. **Roll Call:** Richard Forristall, , Jayne Mather, Melissa Lowrey, Rhonda Forristall, Susan Miron, Diane Brooks, Scott Nelson and Matt Elgart

Absent: Mark Lowrey, Angus McDonald, Martin Nadel and Art Thompson

II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

III. Communications

Two thank you notes received: one from a daughter for assisting with her mother's burial and another from someone for genealogy purposes, requesting information. Richard and Rhonda sent cemetery and town maps.

Of note, Richard has an excel spreadsheet for cemetery plots that can be put on a disc upon request. Rhonda updates the spreadsheet approximately twice a year and shares this with the Town Clerk.

IV. Chairman's Report – Richard Forristall

Burials

As reported last month, we had 24 burials last year. To date we've had 30, eight this month and six cremations this week.

Cemetery Assistant

The cemetery assistant was dumping some brush with the tractor over a ledge and got a little too close. The tractor started sliding and couldn't be stopped. The assistant and the tractor went over the ledge. Our assistant was sent to the emergency room where it was found he had suffered a fractured ankle. The Board is very thankful his injuries were not more severe. He will be out for at least a month to recover.

The tractor was pulled out, the hood reattached and it seems to be in working order.

V. Financial Statement – Jayne Mather

Good news, income and expense are on budget at 25%. We are in good shape at this point in the fiscal year. All of our insurances were renewed as of July 30. We saw a savings of approximately \$1,000.

Two donations were received from Beth Shalom at \$500 each.

VI. Superintendent's Report – Richard Forristall

Update on Equipment

The large tractor has had the fluids checked and is working well. The zero-turn mower has been sent to Midstate for a yearly service. They will try to correct the stalling. When that is returned, the tractor involved in the accident with the cemetery assistant will be sent to be checked out. Midstate will also be sending someone over to review equipment use and handling with the cemetery assistant.

The walk-behind mower is pretty worn and no longer adequate for the hills. We may need to look at replacing it next year. The golf cart is no longer working and we do not have use for it. We may barter it for some assistance around the cemetery. New hoses and rakes have been purchased along with a chain saw.

Brian Kollmer was asked if he could assist with mowing the grounds during the assistant's leave of absence. He has agreed to two to three days per week at \$13 per hour.

The shrubs have been trimmed by an outside contractor. They did a very nice job and at a fair price. We will use their services again.

Office / Maintenance Shed

Jayne has purchased a new refrigerator. She and Rhonda are looking to frame and hang pictures of the cemetery in the office. Diane donated four rose bushes which Richard planted last week.

VII. Vice President Report – no report

VIII. Committee Reports

Wooster Chapel

Mark continues to work on the Chapel doors.

IX. Old Business

Green Burials – location

Members of the Board met Friday evening, August 8th at 6 PM to walk the cemetery looking for a suitable place for the green burials. The Board was in agreement on a specific area. Scott will bring more information for burial specifics. The Board will discuss on how to proceed.

X. New Business

Lighting Fixtures

Rhonda has started looking into prices for lighting fixtures with the metal worker Grace & Rhinewald. We have three original fixtures. They can be restored at approximately \$100 each. There were originally eight altogether. Replicates of the original will cost approximately \$300-\$400. The committee is considering this option.

Several deeds were signed at the meeting for plots.

Fall Walk

October 25 has been set as a tentative date with the following Saturday, November 1, as the rain date, provided Tim Haut is available to lead the walk. Rhonda will speak with Tim.

Newsletter

The summer newsletter has been published. For the fall newsletter, the Board would like mentioned that cremation and full plots are available as well as pet cemetery plots.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7 PM at the Deep River Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes submitted by Melissa Lowrey, Secretary