

FOUNTAIN HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Deep River Town Hall
October 20, 2014
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Richard Forristall called the meeting to order of the Fountain Hill Cemetery Association at 7:04 p.m.

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

II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 15th, 2014 meeting are on hold, and will be up for approval at the next meeting.

III. Communications

Richard assisted a woman with information regarding her family. She made a \$50 donation for his help. It will be designated towards the Chapel fund.

Mystic Funeral Home called on behalf of a family for cremation records. The person passed April 30, 1979. Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate records for Fountain Hill prior to November, 1979. If we receive a call back, it was suggested we advise them to look in the town records where the deceased had lived.

Two incidences came up regarding headstones and adding additional names at a later time. There may be some disagreement among family members about what is to be placed on a monument but the Board was in agreement that this is a family issue and the Board will not be involved.

IV. Chairman's Report – Richard Forristall

Burials

As reported last month, we had 36 burials and cremations last year. To date, we've had 39, 23 since the former superintendent left.

It looks like the town is getting ready to start paving by the Chapel. They have started to mark out the CL&P lines along that part of the driveway.

Superintendent and Cemetery Assistant

Since the temporary grounds keeper has started, the cemetery is looking very well cared for. He is working approximately 22 hours a week. He was asked if he had an interest in continuing. He has stated he does. Richard would like to make him the superintendent and have the cemetery assistant report to him when he returns from his leave of absence due to his

injury. It would be to his advantage to have the new superintendent working with him on a regular basis, showing him the proper way to use the equipment. A motion was made, seconded and approved to promote the temporary grounds keeper to superintendent and to increase his pay by \$1.

Fuel Usage

Last year, usage for October was \$269. This year, usage for October totaled \$70. There is a marked reduction in the last few months.

Fee Schedule

The most recently approved list did not state a price for a cremation with a vault. Richard suggested adding \$50. The Board was in favor as this is a two-person job with the addition of the vault. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

V. Financial Statement – Jayne Mather

Good news, income and expense are at approximately 45%. Some items have put us behind and some have used up less funds than we had budgeted for due to unforeseen events. Overall, we are in good shape at this point in the fiscal year.

VI. Superintendent's Report – no report

VII. Vice President Report – Mark Lowrey

Mark thanked Richard for the extra time and work he has been putting in with the cemetery assistant currently on his leave of absence.

VIII. Committee Reports

Wooster Chapel – Mark Lowrey

The doors have been repaired, painted, reinstalled and looking very presentable for the Fall Walk this weekend. Areas on the agenda for repair, Mark will be working on the waiting room, the vestibule on the left as you enter the building. The closet area on the right side of the entryway is in need of a door. Mark has commissioned the same millwork company that made the new trim for the entrance.

The windows have all been sold. We can now look to purchasing plaques for underneath. Mark will contact the previous secretary about a company she has used.

As there will not yet be heat this winter in the Chapel, Mark will be doing some work at home: making repairs to some badly damaged benches and building some additional ones.

Beth Shalom – Martin Nadel

The surveyor is promising to pay a visit to the cemetery for the survey.

Bylaws Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee met last month to look at/revise the current bylaws. This group is looking to have in place, bylaws and rules and regulations that reflect how the current Fountain Hill Association Committee is run and how the Board would like to continue to see it run in the future. Attorney Robert Larson will be contacted for his legal input at next month's meeting, scheduled for November 10th at 7 PM at the Deep River Town Hall.

IX. Old Business

Green Burials

Rhonda has been in contact with the Danbury Cemetery, inquiring about green burials. Jayne, Rhoda and Sue will make a trip to look over the green burial part of their cemetery.

X. New Business

Several deeds were signed at the meeting for plots.

The Newsletter has been sent out.

Fall Walk

October 25 is the Fall Walk. Susan and Diane will bring coffee, cider and donut holes.

Hayride on Halloween

Richard was asked if a haunted hayride would be permitted on cemetery grounds on Halloween. Scott's Farm is donating the tractor to pull the wagon. Richard spoke with the First Selectman who looked into the liability aspect. He gave his permission and then Richard put this to the Board for approval. A motion was made, seconded and approved. Diane volunteered to be present at the event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Forristall adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Lowrey, Secretary