

FOUNTAIN HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Deep River Town Hall
January 19, 2015
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, Rhonda Forristall, Susan Miron, Scott Nelson, Art Thompson, Matt Elgart, Diane Brooks and Melissa Lowrey
Absent: Angus McDonald, Martin Nadel,

II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 17th meeting were approved as written.

III. Communications – Richard Forristall

Mailing Ashes

It has come to the Board's attention, when ashes are mailed to the cemetery; they can be mailed via certified or registered mail. Richard stated if they are sent certified, they are grouped in with the regular mail. Going forward, Richard will request ashes to be sent via registered mail as they are sent separate and are tracked. They will no longer be sent to the cemetery but to the Forristall home with a signature required to ensure someone is there to receive them.

Louis Ziegra

Mr. Ziegra's daughter-in-law sent an article to the Board about her father-in-law, Louis. It stated he was a POW and held captive for eight months. Mr. Ziegra was a funeral director in town. The Board was appreciative to receive some further background information on the Ziegra family.

IV. Chairman's Report – Richard Forristall

Paving

The town has paved near the chapel. The First Selectman said a water conduit has been placed underneath and will be hooked up in the spring. We will need to add soil to the area.

Cemetery Assistant

Richard spoke with the cemetery assistant upon his return to work and explained that we had needed to hire someone during his absence. We told the assistant we would keep him for three days a week for a few weeks and would then lay him off for the winter season. He requested to be laid off for his former full-time position effective immediately. Richard complied.

One lot has been sold with two plots.

The Superintendent reported some difficulty getting traction during a recent storm. Richard will order some sand to have on hand for future occurrences.

Superintendent's Report – Richard Forristall

The Superintendent has been painting the inside of the garage. He has installed the snow plow on the truck and plowed once during the last small snow storm.

Paul Giroux's landscaping took care of the leaves for us this year. We will look into buying a leaf sucker for next year to avoid this yearly expense. We will also look to purchase a smaller walk-behind as it is more manageable.

V. Financial Statement – Jayne Mather

We are at 66% at eight months and in good shape with four months remaining.

VI. Vice President Report – Mark Lowrey

No Report

VII. Committee Reports

Wooster Chapel – Mark Lowrey

Mark submitted a bill for materials for bench repairs.

Christmas Day Mark stopped by to check on the Chapel and discovered stones at the front and back of the building were very wet, absorbing the rain. He has consulted a mason about sealing these areas. This will be ongoing with resealing necessary every few years.

Starting around March, Mark will look to coordinating an electrician to work on installing the electrical and heating systems.

Mark and Richard will meet this Sunday to discuss plaque sizes for the windows.

Beth Shalom – Martin Nadel

No Report

Bylaws Sub-Committee

A motion was made to approve the bylaws with minor changes. This was seconded and approved. This committee will look into the Rules and Regulations at the next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 16th.

VIII. Old Business

Green Burials

The Board discussed reasons to join the Green Burial website. An annual fee of \$350 is required to be listed on the site. One reason to list would be to let Connecticut residents know we offer Green Burials. However, if the Board decides to move forward, we decided we could get this information out by notifying the funeral directors and foregoing the website.

The last area we had slated for Green Burials was found to be mostly ledge. The group will take another area tour in the spring. Once decided, we will define the parameters we want in place.

IX. New Business

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is February 28th. The Board would like mention made of progress on the Chapel. Mark will write up a brief update on the upcoming electrical, heating and mason repairs. There will also be mention of an open house and possible functions for future use of the Chapel: weddings, funerals, non-denominational services, lectures and civic functions.

Rev. Merrill Perkins from Saint Matthias Anglican Church of Mystic stopped by to sit in on the second half of the meeting. He introduced himself, stating he has a small group that would like to make use of the Wooster Chapel by holding services there every Sunday morning. The Board will consider his request during our next meeting in March and invite Rev. Perkins back to our May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Forristall adjourned the meeting at 8:05p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Lowrey, Secretary