

FOUNTAIN HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Wooster Chapel
October 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, Rhonda Forristall, Scott Nelson, Susan Miron, Art Thompson , Martin Nadel and Melissa Lowrey
Absent: Jayne Mather, Angus McDonald, Matt Elgart and Diane Brooks

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 21 meeting were approved with changes.

II. Communications – Richard Forristall

Merrell Perkins, pastor for St. Mathias Anglican Church, sent a letter requesting to attend the upcoming open house for the Chapel. Richard stated it has been rescheduled to a later date and told him of the cemetery walk in November. The pastor advised he may attend both and gave a \$1,000. donation.

Chairman's Report – Richard Forristall

Cremation/Burials

There were a couple of burials and cremations this past month. Several foundations went in. A few monuments have been added to the Zigra section and the area there is looking very nice.

Green Shed

The shed door should be installed this week or next to house the leaf sucker.

Superintendent's Report

There is a full burial over a cremation scheduled for this Saturday. In order for the burial to take place, the cremation needed to be found, dug up and then will be placed on top of the burial. In the future, there will be an additional \$100 charge due to the extra time and effort involved.

The leaf blower has been repaired and returned.

Financial Statement – Jayne Mather

Jayne Mather has an excused absent but sent word to the President we are in good standing financially at this time.

Vice President Report – Mark Lowrey

Richard met with the First Selectman to discuss where paving should begin. It

was decided to start at the Maintenance building, dedicating \$10,000 to start and then ask the town if they are able to assist with additional funds after that. Mark suggested paving the roads near the Zigra section next year.

Richard spoke with the crew adding clean fill to the old pond area. This area should be filled in by the end of the year. Next spring we can plant grass with any extra going to the Zigra section.

III. **Committee Reports**

Wooster Chapel – Mark Lowrey

Mark spoke with Gene Robida, engineer, regarding a price for a half circle driveway in front of the Wooster Chapel. It was suggested \$4,000. to cut in and put down processed stone to make ready for paving. We would then speak with the Town to pave the driveway.

Propane tanks have been installed at the back of the building to the right of the alcove going down to the basement. It does not blend in well. Mark may build something in the spring to help hide them.

The electrician is coming to wire the furnace. There should be heat this week. The basement windows will need to be removed to help insulate the cellar and keep the heat in.

Beth Shalom – Martin Nadel

Lauren Gister to meet with Richard regarding the deed and rules and regulations.

Stumps have all been dug up and will be used as a retainer for the new fill.

Finance Committee

No Report

IV. **Old Business**

No Report

V. **New Business**

Town Newsletter

For the Fall/Winter newsletter, it was requested to announce the Wooster Chapel now has heat and lights and will host an open house in the spring that will be open to the public.

Fall Walk November 7th Rescheduled.

Tim Haut can not make the original time of 10 a.m. This has been moved to a start time of 1:00 p.m. Posters will be made up and distributed.

New Board Member

Mark would like to introduce the committee to David Estabrook as a possible new member. He is a lawyer who has been in town for about three to four years. Mark mentioned this committee and he has expressed interest in joining. The committee was in favor of meeting him. Mark will invite him to the next meeting.

Green Burials

Sam Fulginiti asked if we had any progress with this. The committee still needs to take a walk to view possible areas for the green burials.

Wooster Chapel

It was suggested to hang a picture and possibly have some information posted of Mary Wooster somewhere in the chapel. Rhonda said there had originally been a portrait of her grandfather hanging up but it was damaged due to vandalism. Rhonda has looked into this in the past. We are not sure if one can be found.

Art brought up the suggestion for a Chapel Usage Policy defining what qualifies a person or group to use the Chapel. What defines use for a religious purpose, as stated in Mary Wooster's will? What fees should be charged? Rich, Art, Mark and Susan will work on a first draft usage policy.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Forristall adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Lowrey, Secretary