

Fountain Hill Cemetery Association Board of Directors
Regular Meeting: January 16, 2017

1. Richard Forristall **called to order** the meeting of January 16, 2017, at **Deep River Town Hall** at **7:00 pm**.

1a. **Members in Attendance:** Rhonda Forristall, Richard Forristall, Robert Larson, Mark Lowrey
Melissa Lowrey, Jayne Mather, Martin Nadel, Arthur Thompson

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2016 were approved unanimously as amended:

A typographical error in those minutes was corrected. In Section 9: Old Business, the second sentence was corrected to read: The current owner will need to fill in the **deed** info and return to Chair Forristall.

3. **Communications:** Most communications received during the past few months have been via email, and included inquiries related to the location of individual burial sites. Other inquirers were focused on the history of the cemetery.

4. **Chair's Report:** Richard Forristall reported on the following:

*With a focus on cutting back large branches that overhang monuments, two days of tree trimming has been concluded. Funds were included in our annual budget for such work. Chair Forristall suggested that subsequent budgets include funding for tree trimming.

*Books from Peggy LaPlace have been reviewed, and are being used to update our records.

*At least two coyotes appear to have taken up residence in the cemetery. Chair Forristall has been alerting folks who walk with their dogs in the cemetery about the possible presence of coyotes, and suggesting that the dogs be kept on a leash.

*A price for creating and mounting a sign at the main cemetery entrance has been received. At a price of \$1050, a local firm will produce a sign indicating the location of each of the cemetery sections according to the agree-upon plan. Funding in the amount of \$1050 was approved unanimously by the Board.

5. **Financial Statements & Report:** Treasurer Jayne Mather indicated two-thirds of the fiscal year have transpired. Income at 81% of the budgeted level, exceeds the 67% expectation. On the other hand, Operating Expenses are below the 67% level, at 54%. At present, we have a cash balance of \$48,474.13. The Wooster Chapel Operating Budget and Building Fund both have positive cash balances.

6. **Superintendent's Report:**

*Leaf collection has been completed.

*Several dead trees were also felled by cemetery personnel when the dropping of those trees would not endanger monuments.

7. **Committee Reports:**

***Wooster Chapel:** Use during the winter months for funerals and memorial services is not as common as anticipated. Funeral directors do not seem much interested in promoting this option.

***Jewish Section:** Grading work is progressing.

***FY 2018 Budget:** Our Finance Committee will begin consideration of that budget in the near future.

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:** None

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Arthur Thompson, Secretary