

Fountain Hill Cemetery Association Board of Directors

1. Richard Forristall **called to order** the meeting of July 17, 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 Susan Miron Scott Nelson Arthur Thompson Reverend Merrill Perkins attended the early part of the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2017 were approved as printed.
3. **Communications:** As reported by President Forristall, communications centered around plot usage. One call focused on a plot owner selling her plot back to the Association. Richard walked the owner through the procedure.
4. **President's Report:** Richard Forristall reported on the following:

Paving: All has been completed for this season, and it looks beautiful. Our 3-year paving plan was completed in one year. Cost to us is \$20,000.

Prep for Memorial Day parade: Many VRHS students gave great assistance in placing flags on graves of veterans, and generally sprucing up the cemetery. Unfortunately, extreme weather forced cancellation of the parade.

Burials: During the past 3 months no full burials have taken place, there have been several cremation burials.

Vice President: Mark Lowrey noted that "the whole place looks good." The cemetery is rapidly returning to its earlier park-like appearance.

The chapel was used for a funeral by an out-of-town group; their experience was positive.
5. **Financial Statements & Report:** Treasurer Jayne Mather indicated that we are only 2 months into our current fiscal. So income and expenses should be at the 16% level. Payroll is only at 11%. The town's annual \$35,000 contribution has not yet been received. Chapel roof repair has been completed, and the bill will be paid soon.
6. **Superintendent's Report:** President Forristall reported on the following:

Equipment: All seems to be in good shape. Equipment necessary for winter usage will be inspected and maintained if needed.

Summer Help: A 14 year old high school student has been hired to work along with Richard on a variety of projects. He has been helping with the cutting of brush in scattered parts of the cemetery. They will also begin scraping growths of lichens from many of the very old grave markers.
7. **Committee Reports:**

Chapel: The Ivoryton Congregational Church continues to search for space. As indicated, the slate roof has been repaired, with copper flashing replaced, and broken tiles also replaced. The AC unit needs to be connected. New basement doors should be installed in the fall.

Jewish Section: Richard met with leaders of the congregation. They indicated that they have a waiting list to buy burial plots. So the expansion project will be expedited.

Friends: A 3-member committee (Jayne Mather, Scott Nelson, Robert Larson) met to begin discussion of setting up a Friends of Fountain Hill Cemetery organization. They had no specific recommendations to offer, but did identify areas and issues that need to be researched. Susan Miron volunteered to obtain a copy of the by-laws and articles of organization from the Library Friends. Those documents could be used as templates,
8. **Old Business:** None
9. **New Business:** None
10. **Adjournment:** By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur Thompson, Secretary