

Fountain Hill Cemetery Association Board of Directors

1. Richard Forristall **called to order** the meeting of January 21, 2019 at **Richard H SmithTown Hall at 7:00 pm.**
1a. **Members in Attendance:** Rhonda Forristall Richard Forristall Mark Lowrey Jayne Mather Susan Miron Arthur Thompson

2. **Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Mark Lowrey, seconded by Rhonda Forristall, the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2018 were approved as printed.

3. **Communications:**

President Forristall discussed spring paving with First Selectman Angus McDonald . Angus will talk with Dibble regarding price. Richard estimates our portion will cost about \$44,000. Beth Shalom has offered to share in the paving costs. Richard also suggested the possibility of including in our spring paving the stretch from the street entrance to a point up the hill.

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

*The number of burials during 2018 far exceeded those of the prior year, although 2017 was an exceedingly slow year.

*Folks visiting the cemetery seem to be using our trash barrels and dumpster for more than cemetery waste. Some appears to be household trash. President Forristall recommended the purchase of four signs (one for each barrel) to suggest the use of the barrels for cemetery waste only. A motion was made by Mark Lowrey, seconded by Rhonda Forristall to purchase 4 signs at \$30 each. Motion approved unanimously.

*Tanner's Tree Service will take down several dead trees within the next few weeks.

5. **Financial Statements & Report:** Treasurer Jayne Mather indicated that, since the start of our fiscal year there has been a sharp increase in all burials, with cremation burials leading the way with 23. In addition, ten cremation lots have been sold.

At the conclusion of December, 2018, our cash balance was \$34,194.85.

The cash balance on December 31, 2018 in the Wooster Chapel Operating Budget was \$2,015.80. Fee income from the Anglican Church has been less than anticipated due to decreased usage.

The cash balance in the Wooster Chapel Building Fund remains at \$2,766.26. Mark Lowrey did indicate that there was work to be done to weatherproof the basement, which should reduce our heating costs.

6. **Superintendent's Report:** Richard Forristall reported that Brian Kollmer will require rotator cuff surgery, which will necessitate a 4-6 week recovery period. Richard has two high school youngsters who continue to work during the winter months; that seems to be working very well. Richard has been able to handle the plowing himself.

7. **Committee Reports:**

Chapel: Mark Lowrey reported that everything looks fine. Richard Forristall has been showing the chapel to many people.

Beth Shalom: The railing has been installed on the ramped sidewalk. A burial plot plan has been developed, which Richard will review.

Green Burial: Richard has received several calls from interested person; he has indicated to callers that we are not quite ready.

Town Newsletter: Text has been submitted for the Spring edition.

Membership: Several individuals have expressed willingness to serve on the FHCA board. Some may be invited to attend one of our future meetings. We have 10 members at present; our bylaws allow 12. There was a brief conversation related to membership on the Preservation Society.

Annual Meeting: Planning will be done for a Spring public event, possibly as part of our annual meeting.

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:** The project to dredge the pond and install a fountain was discussed briefly. Some involvement by the Inland Wetlands Commission will be required. Mark Lowrey volunteered to speak with members of that commission about our plans.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Thompson, Secretary