

Fountain Hill Cemetery Association Board of Directors

1. Richard Forristall **called to order** the meeting of September, 16, 2019, at **Richard H Smith Town Hall** at **7:00 pm**.

1a. **Directors in Attendance:** David Blifford Rhonda Forristall Richard Forristall Mark Lowrey Jayne Mather Scott Nelson Arthur Thompson. Reverend Perkins, Anglican church, was also in attendance

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2019 were approved as printed.

3. **Communications:**

*A grant check for \$5,000 from the Rhode Island Foundation has been received and deposited to the Fountain Hill Cemetery Preservation Society checking account.

*Reverend Perkins requested permission to store some items owned by the Anglican Church in the basement of the Wooster Chapel. No objection was voiced for the request.

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

*Paving of cemetery roads: President Forristall talked with First Selectman Angus McDonald about the scheduling of cemetery paving. Angus indicated that road reconstruction was being done on Westbrook Road, and that cemetery paving would commence when that job was completed. Cemetery paving will likely be done during September, 2019.

*Two trees unexpectedly fell down recently. There was no damage to any gravestones, but one fell across a cemetery road. Both trees have been cleared away.

*The Open House that was scheduled for September 15 was cancelled, but one person did show up for the event. That person was writer, story teller, and historian who recently moved to Deep River. He had some ideas about a waterless restoration of the original fountain using stones from that fountain. He will be invited to a future board meeting to explore possibilities.

*Much interest in using the chapel has been expressed, but, as yet, no commitments have been made.

5. **Financial Statements & Report:** Treasurer Jayne Mather indicated that:

*Receipts exceeded expectations, reaching the 112% annual level.

*Disbursements for maintenance are above expectations, at the 131% annual level.

*Salaries are in line with expectations.

*Cash balance at the end of August was \$62, 285.

*Spending for cemetery road paving will exceed the budgeted amount. Beth Shalom will be donating \$8,000 over 2 years to defray a portion of the paving cost.

*The chapel has not been used by the Anglican Church with any frequency. There is a cash balance of \$2,766 in the Chapel Building Fund and \$646 in the operating budget.

6. **Superintendent's Report:**

*Brian Kollmer has returned from an injury leave; Brennan Joy is continuing at the cemetery. He is taking a college semester off.

*One mower had significant repairs. Richard described those repairs to the board.

*Our tractor had major repairs completed to the hydraulic system.

7. **Committee Reports:**

Chapel: No report

Green Burial: There was significant discussion related to Green Burial. Motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Rhonda Forristall; The green burial site be located south of the Beth Shalom section. Approved unanimously.

*A contract for \$14,800 for raising the level of the green burial site was awarded to B & L Construction.

*On motion made by Rhonda Forristall, seconded by Mark Lowrey it was voted to name the green burial section as River Rest.

*There was a long discussion of rules & regulations for the green burial site. No vote was taken on approval of the revised rules & regs. Rhonda Forristall will retype the rules & regs, and forward them to Art Thompson for distribution to directors. Directors can make corrections (if any) based on individual recollections of what had received nodding agreement. Those corrections should be returned to Rhonda for incorporation in rules & regs. The final version of the rules & regs document will be emailed to all directors for an email approval.

Financial: Has not met as yet.

8. **Old Business:**

*Preservation Society: President Scott Nelson indicated that the society is seeking guidance as to projects that the FHCA Board wishes to be conducted. Two were mentioned: a fountain in the cemetery pond and repairs to broken gravestones. No action was taken.

9.. **Adjournment:** On a motion by Rhonda Forristall, seconded by Scott Nelson the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted; Arthur Thompson, Secretary