

Fountain Hill Cemetery Association Board of Directors

1. Richard Forristall **called to order** the meeting of July 15, 2019, at **Richard H Smith Town Hall** at **7:10 pm**.

1a. **Members in Attendance**: David Blifford Richard Forristall Robert Larson Mark Lowrey Jayne Mather
Susan Miron Scott Nelson Arthur Thompson

2. **Approval of Minutes**: Minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2019 were approved as printed. Motion by Jayne Mather, second by Scott Nelson,

3. **Communications**: President Forristall reported on a letter he received from a woman interested in purchasing a 6-grave plot for what she called an "natural burial." In a subsequent conversation, he referred her to the Beth Shalom for their consideration. Her request was unsuccessful, but it did trigger an extended conversation among board members related to sites for green burial at Fountain Hill. No decision was made on the matter.

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

Paving: In a conversation with First Selectman Angus McDonald, it was learned that paving has been delayed due to extensive Spring rains. Paving should commence in late July or early August.

Shrub trimming should begin soon after the July Muster.

Small tractor: Extensive parts needed to be replaced in the hydraulic system; the \$3000 cost exceeded the budgeted amount for equipment repair. All other equipment is in satisfactory condition.

Vice President Mark Lowrey: No report

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

**Income levels are in line with expectations.

**The \$35,000 stipend from the Town of Deep River should be received in the near future.

**The \$3000 cost of repairs to the small tractor exceeded the \$500 budgeted.

**Whelen Engineering donated a truckload of topsoil for cemetery maintenance.

**The Anglican Church has held no services in the chapel of late. Thus, no income.

6. **Superintendent's Report**: Richard Forristall reported that:

**Brian Kollmer visits his doctor this coming week, and hopes to receive the okay to return to work.

**Brennan Joy and his high-school helper are doing well in filling in during Brian's absence.

**Many compliments have been received on how great the cemetery looks.

7. **Committee Reports**:

Chapel: In late July, a cremation burial will make use of the chapel for the funeral service.

Pet Cemetery: No action

By laws: No update needed at this time.

Newsletter: Rhonda Forristall has submitted an article to be printed in the town newsletter.

Preservation Society: IRS has approved our application for 501 (c) (3) (tax exempt status). The Preservation Society will hold its first organizational meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019, beginning at 7:00 pm at Smith Town Hall.

8. **Old Business**: None

9. **New Business**: None

10. **Adjournment**: On a motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by David Blifford, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Arthur Thompson, Secretary