

Trinity Church Yard Cemetery Association  
Special Meeting  
January 18,2006

Meeting held at Holderness Town Hall 1:00 P.M.

In Attendance : Fletcher Adams, Michael Barney, Burgess Youngman, Kathy St.Cyr,  
George Richards,

Nancy Grady, Linda Folsom, Barbara Currier, Barry Borella

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. By President Michael Barney

A special meeting was called by President Mike Barney regarding concerns of Barry Borella. Mr. Borella had sent packets of information to Trustee's regarding the financial status of the cemetery association and recent repairs which were done to the church at the cemetery. President Barney called the meeting to address those concerns.

President Barney opened the meeting by stating he had accepted the position of President of the association when Earle Jenkins had resigned . His express purpose was to preserve and care for the cemetery as best he could. He then thanked the members for their support but stated if the consensus was that he was not doing a good job he would be willing to step down. Mike stated he has the utmost confidence in Kathy St.Cyr's work .Mike then stated that Barry Borella had several concerns and the podium was turned over to Barry.

Barry stated that his first concern was the difference between Kathy's books and those of Charter Trust.Mike stated that he and Kathy St. Cyr had gone over the association books when he took over the position . They reconciled a \$60,000 difference finding that about half of that figure was for Charter Trust fees and half was for payments filtered through the trust checkbook. Mike stated that he thought that issue had been resolved on 6/16/05 when Barry had met with Mike. In the meantime, Barry had stopped by Kathy St.Cyr place of employment requesting some answers and Barry also contacted Charter Trust. On 10/27/05 Mike felt the issue had been resolved. Another meeting was set up for Barry and Mike on 12/08/05 which Barry had to cancel but requested that the matter be brought before the whole board. Barry then sent informational packets to all the trustees with the exception of Mike Barney and Kathy St. Cyr.

Mike stated that an agenda had been prepared and followed at the June 16, 2005 meeting. Issues on the agenda were discussed at that time. Mike felt that Barry went outside the Cemetery Trustees on his own agenda.

Discussion on the issues followed. Both Barry and Mike have spoken to Terry Knowles and both basically got the same information. Any of the Trustees can request information from Charter Trust and we are all allowed access to that information. Barb Currier suggested that we put policies and procedures in place

so that the Trustees could get the information they desired but so that everyone was not calling and requesting the same information. Both Mike and Barry stated they felt there was no wrong doing, but Barry said he had gotten the information he needed from Jess Plume, ( who is no longer at Charter Trust) in ten minutes. He felt he should not have to go through anyone to get information , that he should be able to just go directly to Charter Trust. Mike Barney said he would feel more comfortable if Barry let Mike or Fletcher know when he was going to request information. Barb Currier stated that in prior years financial information was available at our regularly scheduled meetings. Mike said that changed and that once a year ( or more if necessary) we met with our financial representatives to discuss our fund, how it was invested, any changes, or recommendations and that members were welcome to attend. The next such meeting will be scheduled for February ,2006.

Burgess said he was not happy with Barry's attitude. Burgess felt that the present channels we have work well and if someone needed further information they should request it from Mike or Fletcher. If that did not work in a satisfactory manner then the issue should be brought before the board again and discussed in an open forum.

George Richards said he felt more comfortable with the financial issues being brought before the whole board and that any one should have the right to go directly to Charter Trust if they so desired.

Mike Barney suggested a compromise. If anyone wanted information, they should just let Fletcher or Mike know that they were going to request information so everyone would be on board. Barb Currier suggested that it was not always easy to get information on the spur of the moment and out of courtesy, an advance notice to Charter Trust would be appreciated. In addition, it is sometimes hard if everyone on the board requests the same information from the same source, making it cumbersome. Mike said he felt it was a lack of trust on Barry's part that all of the Trustees got Barry's informational packet except Kathy and he.

Burgess Youngman motioned and Nancy Grady seconded the motion to keep Mike and Fletcher as the main contacts to Charter Trust. Motion carried.

Barb Currier stated she did not vote for the above motion as she felt Trustees should have the right to communicate directly or at least a compromise as Mike had suggested.( If trustees were going to contact Charter to let Mike or Fletcher know.) Mike Barney added that he wanted information available to all but with controls in place.

George Richards spoke on having known Barry Borella for a very long time, Appreciates his enthusiasm and the work he puts into the cemetery affairs. George also mentioned the concerns he has had a few years ago when the principal of the endowment was being used. He feels we should somehow find a way to

increase our revenues without touching the principle and still maintain our responsibility to the grounds and the building integrity.

Barb Currier suggested that maybe we should have Charter Trust come again to a separate meeting to explain our finances. Mike is going to set up that meeting which would enable anyone to come to that meeting to learn the financial aspects.

Mike stated that clearly George Richards is correct. We need to increase our revenues. Nancy Grady stated that our last fund raiser increased the fund by \$58,000.

Barry Borella stated that it would not happen all the time that anyone would want to contact Charter Trust directly. He stated that at the meeting in Concord with Charter Trust, he asked Jeffrey Plume if we were calling too much and Jeffrey stated " absolutely, not." Jeffrey said he was working for us and communication is not a problem at any time. Mike Barney said Karen at Charter Trust is now our representative. Fletcher suggested we ask Charter Trust how other trusts handle calls from trustees.

The next item for discussion was on the work done on the Chapel. Barry presented a letter from David Ruel of Ashland which stated that the Church had lost some of the historical integrity when the gable eaves were extended .The eaves are not historically correct and Mr. Ruell suggested that if at all possible they should be returned to their original appearance. Barry stated that Mr. Ruell had said that the change would not disqualify it from the historic register.

Mike filled in the history on how this came to be. Mike, Fletcher, and Burgess met with two different contractors to get their opinions on resolving the issue of the leaking roof. The comments were to reshingle the roof and to extend the eaves. The work was subsequently done with the contractor suggestion and done within budget. Fletcher has been on the board since 1970. In 1984 Fletcher and Bob Rand felt the building should be put on the historic register and subsequently was done. Because a lot of our work is done on a volunteer basis, decisions are made within the timeframe of the volunteers. While everyone works to the benefit of the association, work is done on a cost and time basis. While errors are not wanted, on occasion they happen and we then have to decide the remedy for them or whether to leave them as they are. Burgess felt in his opinion, it was not a structural change but was done to help keep water off and to preserve the church. Burgess said it upset him to have letters of opinion being solicited. Mike said the contractor suggested the 2" extension on each side be done as soon as possible.

Linda reminded us that we had discussed at one time having someone come and address issues for us. Barry said there were people who would come at no cost to help us with church issues and to make suggestions. Barry said he felt if the

trustees had been notified of the actual day of the work being done, people could have seen what the work was composed of. .

Burgess said the shingles are not original, sheet rock is not original. Harvey Stuart and Warren Lewis Construction did the actual work. The consensus was that when additional work was done , the eaves could be looked at again.

The next meeting will be the first Wednesday in May which will be May 3, 2006 at 4P.M. at the Holderness Town Hall. Issues to be addressed at that time will be:

1. Mike to look into liability insurance issues.
2. Address actions to reduce moisture issues
3. Fund raising
4. Issue of new lots.

Fletcher motioned and Nancy Grady seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Currier, Secretary