

OLD CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Old Cemetery Board will be held Thursday, August 27th, 2009 in the Mario Giaino Conference Room, Lower Level, Town hall, 250 Main Street, East Haven at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following:

1. Roll Call

Bill Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Cathy Watts, Marian Tansey, and Jack Brereton, Peggy Thomas. Also present Mike Melici Town Assessor, Mark Caponero Public Works Supervisor, Margaret Vitali from East Lawn Cemetery.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jack made a motion to accept the minutes of July 30th; seconded by Cathy. All in Favor, none were opposed and none abstained. Motion carried.

Cathy motions that we have discussion with Mark Caponero about the sale of land to East Lawn Cemetery and continue with other Board business after discussion; seconded by Marian. All in Favor, none were opposed and none abstained, Motion Carried. (Skip down to 4)

3. Treasurer's Report

Marian said that Judy made a deposit of 5000.00 in the budget. The balance is \$22,546.89.

Jack made a motion to accept Treasurer's report; seconded by Cathy. All in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

Mark Caponero explained to the Board exactly what East Lawn's intentions were in purchasing the lot of land in the Old Cemetery. He showed on a map exactly where the land was they were looking to purchase. The first area is 70 ft by 12 ft near the fence between the two cemeteries, the other area would be by Indian Bowl (100 ft by 15 ft). The Assessor explains that in the past the plots were sold for \$800.00, once the land was assessed. East Lawn is selling plots for \$1250 and half of that money goes toward up keep of the plot. East Lawn is down to about 20-30 plots to sell. The amount of land they want to purchase from the Old Cemetery would give them an additional 240. They want to stay in business, so \$800 a plot is too much but they feel the board should benefit from the sale of the land, to help them continue restoration on the stones. Peggy had some concern about any bones found while digging, Mark assured her that in the past

they have left the bones where they were and gone around them and in some cases put the bones back where they found them. She wanted to make sure there weren't any legal issues with the bones. Mark said that he wanted to get the whole process going and he would be going before the Town Council very soon. He also said that the tree down on River Street would be taken care before the Fall Festival and a new tree would be planted.

Cathy motions that the Board supports the sale of the open land to East Lawn Cemetery; seconded by Jack.

3 yes, 1 no, 0 abstained Motion Carried.

Marian asked how the search for a new member was going. If anyone was interested they needed to contact the Mayor's Office.

5. New Business

The Board will have tables at the Fall Festival to sale cookbooks, and pictures of East Haven. You can stop by the Historical Society to sign-up for a time to help out.

Bill informed the Board that the landscaper would bill us after he cuts the lawn 4 times.

The Board feels that they don't want to go before the Town Council about the \$1000 that was taken from the stipend. They feel that in these economic times that they were glad to receive the amount they did get.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:30p.m.

Motion was made by Jack; seconded by Marian.

All in Favor, none opposed and none abstained.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Teena Fucci
Clerk