

**EAST HAVEN
OLD CEMETERY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmel Antonucci
Marcia Federico
Barbara Buonome
Judy Ruggiero
Jim Saccavino (arrived at 7:35 pm)
William Jackson, Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Peggy Thomas

1. **Call to Order:** Bill Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Marcia made a motion to accept the minutes of July 25, 2013; seconded by Bill. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The landscaper was paid \$600.00 for two mows that were done at The Old Cemetery on August 8, 2013. The new **Balance** is now **\$10,648.99**. Carmel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Marcia. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Old Business:** No new checks were needed to be purchased for The Old Cemetery account. According to the computer at the bank, there were additional checks still unused. Judy was able to find the remaining checks in an old bin that was left to her with old cemetery information in it, saving The Old Cemetery Board the cost of purchasing them in the amount of \$88.99.

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The board still has not received a new contract from B&R Landscaping. The landscaping, however, is being done and the contractor is continuing to bill at the same rates as last year's terms.

5. **New Business:** Judy was contacted by Jeanie Wescowski, a probate attorney from Essex, Connecticut. (1-860-767-0195) She had a question regarding someone who was buried in The Old Cemetery in December of 1951 by the last name of Bradley. Judy referred her to Bill to help in finding the burial plot. He was able to locate the family stone with the name of Bradley. The matter was still pending in court and the attorney would get back to Bill for further information when needed.

Bill spent some considerable amount of time last month trying to update the names of people that were buried in The Old Cemetery since 1935. He was able to add 108 names from the records at the Town Hall and East Lawn Cemetery. He found an additional list that was given to him years ago that was compiled by a Mrs. Motti. He added both lists to a Blue Book that was done by WPA in 1934 and 1935. The Historical Society, East Lawn Cemetery, The Old Cemetery and the Library all have copies of this Blue Book. All the records are up to date up to the last burial, which was Jack Brereton.

There are no more available plots located at The Old Cemetery. The only stipulation when you can be buried there is if your spouse was buried there previously.

The board discussed working on a future project. They would create a plot plan, a section at a time, listing the names and dates of people buried at The Old Cemetery. The different sections would be divided among the members of the board. Bill has already started doing this project and has completed one whole section. He will bring the results to the next meeting. Judy stumbled on a burial plot belonging to a Bishop, who founded the town of Guilford, located at The Old Cemetery. She will take a photograph of the stone in the hopes Bill can find out some history about his burial plot and why he is buried in the Town of East Haven and not Guilford.

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The Old Cemetery books will be audited by Sal Maltese, an accountant and a member of The Board of Finance at no charge to The Old Cemetery Board. The books have not been audited for at least five years. The board agreed to this request by the Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.

6. **Adjournment:** Marcia made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.; seconded by Carmel. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Lorene Russell
Board Clerk