

**EAST HAVEN  
OLD CEMENTERY BOARD  
Amended - MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Barbara Buonome  
Judy Ruggerio  
Carmel Antonucci  
William Jackson, Chair  
Margaret Thomas

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Letizia Morales  
James Saccavino, Vice Chair

1. **Call to Order:** - William Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Margaret Thomas makes a motion to accept the minutes from November 20, 2015. Judy Ruggerio seconds. All in Favor Motion Carries.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy Ruggerio states that she paid out \$1, 245.99, which broke out to be \$45.99 to Phil's Garden Center for the wreath and the bow, \$900 and \$300 to B&R Landscaping for 3 fall clean-ups and picking up leaves, and a deposit was made for \$50. I had a \$42 donation and \$8 from Margaret for the bow. The total in the checking is now \$9,993.02. Barbara motions to accept the treasurer's report. Carmel seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carries.
4. **Old Business:** Judy states that she called B&R Landscaping and she asked for a clarification for the fall clean-up because we have never paid that in the past, we have always paid \$300 for them to go in there and clean-up. He stated he went in 3 times but did not specify that on the invoice so I asked him if he would give the dates he does his services. After I talked to him I went back to the cemetery because I just thought that there were too many leaves still to have done the clean-up. There were leaves in the middle of the road leading to the back so I drove around the back and looked there leaves piled up as high as my waist and just left there. I called him back and he went down the next day and cleaned them up but he charged us another \$300 to do that. So after he did that and I looked again and I still was not happy the way he cleaned it up still. William asked if we are still in contract with him and Judy states he is still with us another year. Margaret thanks Judy for being on top of it however he should still being doing the proper job. Judy states the last date he was there was on the December 5<sup>th</sup>. Last year we paid \$900 for fall clean-up and this year was \$1200. William

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states that he cannot go over what the bid was from last year regardless. William requests his phone number to give him a call. Judy states that she spoke with Frank Gentilese today at Town Hall to ask him about the recycling bin on the green, the middle of January the recycling bin was supposed to be gone there deal was up. He stated to me that that bin is not hurting anyone. Judy stated that is not our contention, it is right smack dab in front of the Old Cemetery Gate. Margaret makes a motion for the clerk to write a letter to Frank Gentilese requesting to move the SARAH box. Judy states she originally spoke with the Mayor who was in agreement to move the box in the Town Hall area where the picnic table area is. When I brought it up to Frank he stated he wanted the bin to be visible to people. Judy said however they do advertise on billboard where the bins are so the people that are coming to use one know where they are. Frank stated if he had it his way he would place it on Hemmingway but it is too dangerous over there, and if I move it toward the back of the green the people who live there will complain. He stated where we have it now it is for people's safety. Judy asks how much money have they made it is worth it? Frank stated that they do a wonderful job by creating jobs for people through that program. Judy stated said that she was just passing along her feelings that everyone on the board wanted moved, but he stated that it was not going to happen and other towns have no problem with it being on their greens. Judy seconds Margaret's motion. All in Favor. Motion Accepted.

5.     **New Business:**         Judy Ruggerio states that she was notified by the Chairman of the Town Council, Richard Anania that she was re-appointed effective 2/1/2015 – 2/28/2018. Margaret Thomas states she did as well. Judy states that on 2/5/2015 she received a call from a woman named Pat Thompson who lives in Oklahoma. She is making a trip to the east to look for relatives by the name of Seth and Pheobee Todd Blakeslee. I forward her to Bill Jackson who was our town historian and committee chairperson and he know the Old Cemetery like the back of his hand. Bill looked but cannot find a Blakeslee. Judy stated that Pat Thompson was told that it would either be North Haven or East Haven. Judy states that Sal Maltese called her and he was the one who did the audit on us a year and a half ago. He suggested that we audit every two years. He let me know that he was preparing to run for Mayor in November and if he wins he would not be able to audit our books again. Bill Jackson states that we are to have elections in

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February. Margaret Thomas makes a motion to nominate Bill for Chair, Judy for Treasurer, and Jim for Vice Chair, and Temple Smith for secretary. Barbara Buonome seconds the motion.

6.     **Adjournment:**         *Margaret made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.; seconded by Judy Ruggiero. All in Favor, motion carried.*

Respectively Submitted,

Temple Smith  
OCB Clerk