

**EAST HAVEN
OLD CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Old Cemetery Board was held on Thursday May 23, 2019 in the Mario Giamo Conference Room, Lower Level, Town Hall, 250 Main Street, East Haven at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of the following:

Dan McCann made a motion to appoint a temporary chairman – Melanie Johnson. Marcia Federico seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by temporary Chairman Melanie Johnson. Also in attendance were Judy Ruggiero, Barbara Buonome, Marcia Federico and Dan McCann. Bill Jackson was absent.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dan McCann made a motion to approve the minutes. Marcia seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Judy Ruggiero stated that the balance is \$11,894.33. There was a check written for the Rotary Club in the amount of \$250 and to Temple Smith in the amount of \$21.16.

Barbara made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Dan seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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4. Old Business

Melanie Johnson stated that she walked the Old Cemetery and it has not been mowed and did not trim along the graves or get rid of the brush along the fence line and along the back. It was a very sloppy job. Temple Smith states that Arlene Hackbarth asked who is responsible for the property along the front of the cemetery. Judy states that is the Town. Dan states he was there on Memorial Day and it had not been mowed then either. Judy states that she made a phone call to the landscaper and asked what is going on as he had not mowed. He gave several excuses as to why he had not mowed. His wife had to tell him it was Memorial Day weekend and he stated he was going down the next day he gave his word. Judy stopped by and saw a truck and met Fred Faulkner and Judy stated that this was unacceptable and stated that this cannot happen. Fred stated the crew was coming in to clean it up and Marcia went down and it was such a sloppy job. Fred stated he had to leave for a wake and would come back. The bowl could not be done because there was too much water there. Judy stated the town would come and pick up the tree. Fred left the brush there and did not haul it away and was not done. The grass inside there is very high as well. The fence line along Hemmingway side was not done and a lot of the trimming was not done as well. Dan McCann made a motion to send a letter to Fred stating what has not been done and what needs to be done. Marcia stated that she and Judy were discussing that it should state in the contract that it has to be in perfect shape for any holiday – he has to adjust his schedule so that the cemetery looks perfect for the holidays. Marcia stated she did not get down to the cemetery due to rain and will check the headstones with regard to Benny finishing up what is needed to be done. Marcia also stated that the UI Company is sending someone down to check out the light pole.

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5. New Business

Judy reads a great article to the board titled "The Forgotten Holidays" as it mentioned the Town of East Haven and the Old Stone Church.

6. Adjournment

Marcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Melanie seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Temple Smith, OCB Clerk