

**EAST HAVEN  
OLD CEMETERY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 25, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Old Cemetery Board was held on Thursday July 25, 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 7:30 pm by temporary Chairman Melanie Johnson. Also in attendance was Judy Ruggiero, Barbara Buonome, Marcia Federico and Dan McCann. Bill Jackson was absent.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

No Quorum for last meeting therefore no minutes were recorded.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Judy Ruggiero stated that she paid \$10.62 to Barbara Buonome for the purchase of Pansies, \$23.00 was paid to Temple Smith for additional flags for Memorial Day, and paid Garden of Eden \$775 for 2 mowings. Judy Ruggiero stated that the balance is currently at \$11,110.71

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

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**4. Old Business**

Judy Ruggiero is frustrated with Fred the Landscaper – Garden of Eden. Fred's excuse for not mowing was that his contract was up. Judy stated that she had just gotten off the phone with Candy and he wanted another year extension, therefore please go down there and mow July 4<sup>th</sup> was coming up. It was confirmed that the cemetery was mowed for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Fred yelled at Judy and was very rude to her. Melanie stated that Judy called her and asked her to take over with Fred. Melanie met Fred and met his crew and seemed to have sorted things out. Dan McCann suggested that if Fred gives them any additional problem to let Dan know and he will handle the situation and it is unacceptable as he is contracted to do a job. Judy stated that Fred did call and apologized however Judy does not want to deal with Fred any longer and Melanie will be the current contact for OCB. Judy stated that she went to top today and called the Mayor's office regarding the tree that is down behind the bowl in the cemetery. Melanie stated that the two big branches further down were gone. Melanie stated she called Bob Parente regarding the Oak tree branch that fell and they cleaned that up right away as well as the two big branches down by the meadow. Judy stated that Joyce the mayors' secretary will call Bob and have the tree she is speaking of put on the schedule and it would be done in two weeks. Melanie states that she has been cleaning up along the fence line and Bob has been picking those up bags up that Melanie has been putting along River street from clean up. Melanie stated that she would be more than willing to continue cleaning up the brush and putting on the street line as long as the OCB can allow her to get the brown bags to put the brush in and be reimbursed. This way Fred has no excuse not to mow in those areas. Judy states that since your on good terms with Bob Parente can you ask him about the Boy Scout project. Judy stated that they ( the Boy Scouts) were going to clean and polish the plaque as a project. Bob has stated that when he knew something he would let her know and he has not. Judy asks Marcia if she has heard back from the UI. Marcia stated no and she will call again. Judy asked about the 4 stones and if Benny has done them. Marcia stated no she has not seen anything. Melanie stated that one monument is being moved by a tree limb and that limb needs to be taken down. Melanie stated that the cemetery is registered with the National Parks Service, so is the town still responsible? Is there any benefit to being registered? Can we get an Arbourist? Temple suggested speaking with Bob regarding the arbourist. Melanie states that part of that chain link fence is off as well and some turkey wire strung in the back. Some of the posts are there but no chain link. Judy stated she brought this up in past meetings and it did not seem like a big deal at the time. Melanie stated she also noticed the

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bank is eroding and if we can find out if there is National Park money from a grant and additional grant money we should get that fence back up and the bank erosion taken care of. Dan stated we should go through Sal Brancatti and ask him. Marcia makes a motion that Melanie can buy her bags and poison ivy spray. Dan McCann seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**5. New Business**

Judy stated that she never heard from the man from Florida for the donation he said he was going to give. Wendy Bellmore contacted Judy regarding the sympathy tea and that the Christ and Epiphany church may want to sponsor. Melanie asks what a sympathy tea was. Judy explained. Melanie stated she will check with Wendy to get a better explanation of what Wendy is looking to do with the Sympathy Tea and the sponsorship. Judy had invited Wendy to a meeting this evening to explain what she wanted to do – Wendy did not show. Judy stated that the Sympathy Tea generated \$2630.00 and the Cook books generated \$3367.50

Dan McCann presented the Riverside Fireside Firehouse Golf Tournament as they are looking for donations or tee sponsors. The purpose of the fundraiser is to acquire additional funds as the town is cutting funds – rehabbing building etc. The price to purchase a Tee sign is \$100. The cut - off date is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carried. Dan McCann obtained.

Judy suggested sending something to Bill Jackson such as an Edible Arrangement as he is ill and it would be a good gesture from the board. Roll Call Vote . All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Judy stated that they need an official vote to accept Garden of Eden's mowing contract for the 2019-2020 year. Dan McCann makes a motion to accept the contract. Marcia seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carried

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**6. Adjournment**

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Marcia seconded. All in Favor.  
Motion Carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Temple Smith, OCB Clerk**